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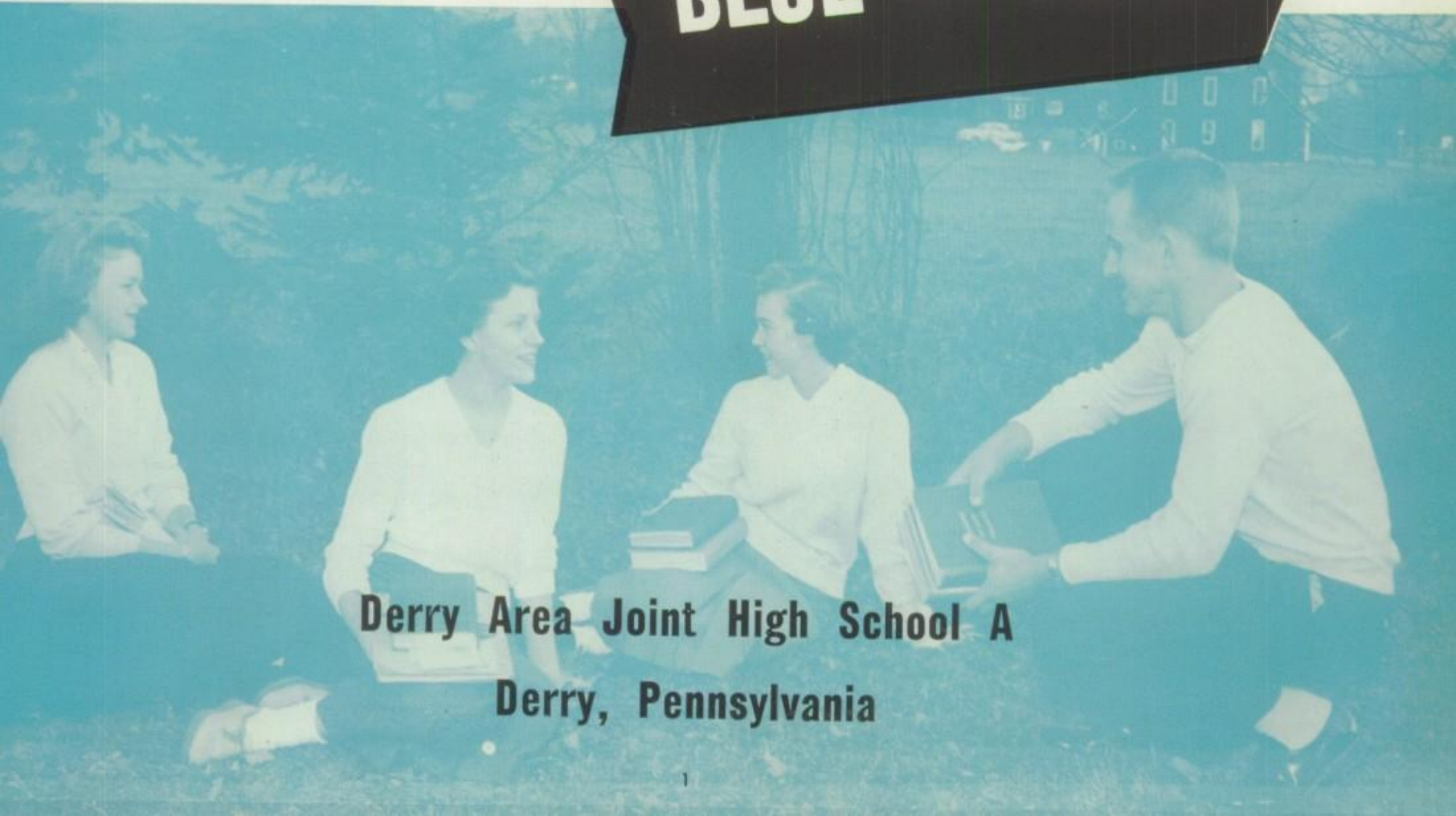

Derry Area Joint High School A

Derry, Pennsylvania

THE 1956 Blue and Gold

A Presentation . . .

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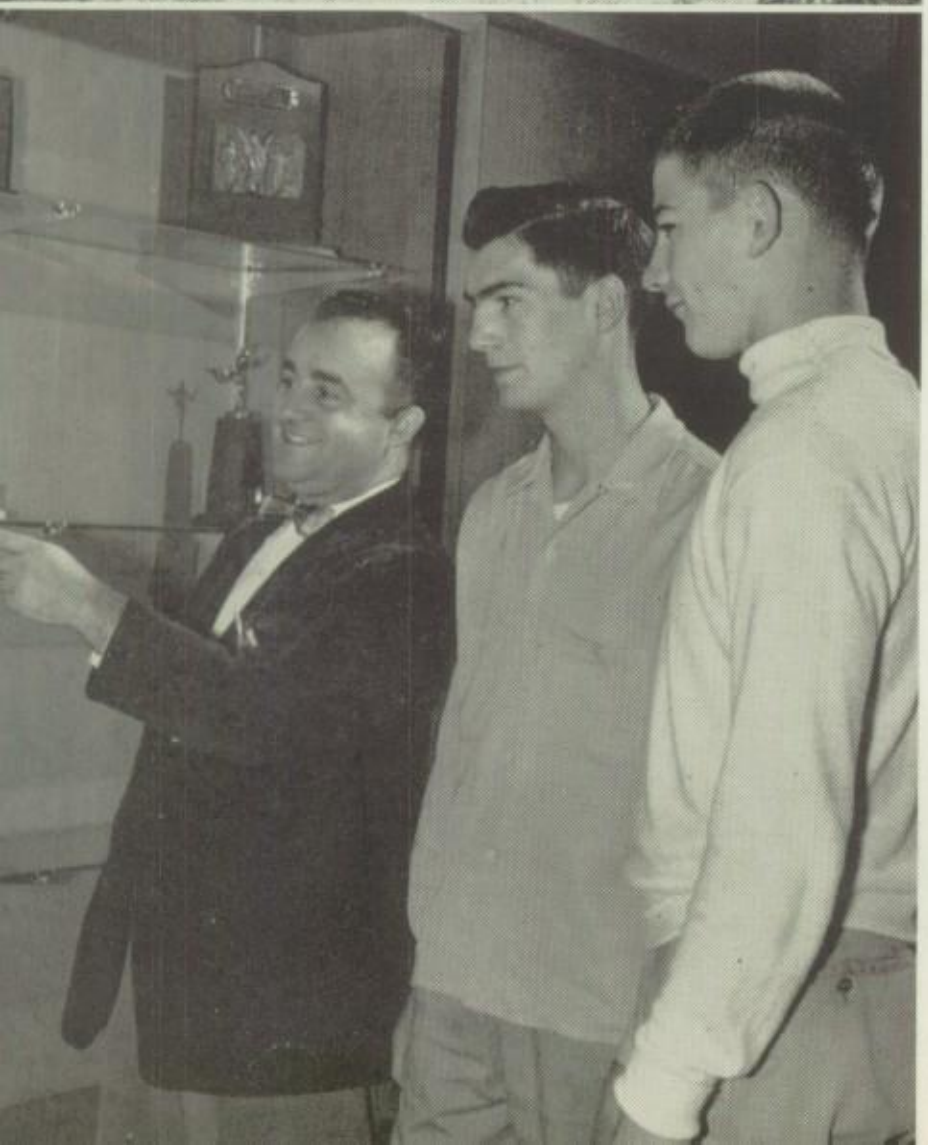
A SPLENDID YEAR . . .

An Ideal Year of Busy Classroom

nd a Fair Share of Play



Eileen Marcinik and Philip McCurdy admire a new painting.

Francis Sessi, Joe Roman, and Bill Mikolay read the latest announcement.

"Rio Rico" presents Lavonne Smetak, Rose Petrarca, and Sophie Mrozinski —our Spanish Dancers.

Tom Pavlik converses with an official during the Latrobe game.

Irma Moore and John Tornavacca put their voices on tape.

Margie Alfelda, Dick Falenski, Don Krinock, and Evelyn Burd in "Mother is a Freshman."

A basketball award is of interest to Mr. Festa, Joe Smith, and Walter Corey.

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CAMPUS

A review of the past year's acts on our campus

A scene from our semi-formal, "Sno-Ball."

Charles Kindl displays a football jersey for inspection.

Lanny Beck and Deanna Plato exchange tender glances.

Mr. Calabrese instructs seniors in Typing I.

"Aloha Oe" from our lovely Hawaiian dancers.

"It's outdoor study time," for Agnes Burd, Bob Mumau, and Kathi Bise.

Nancy Hoyle reigns as queen of the "Sno-Ball."

Evelyn Barnhart and Pat Winebrenner administer first aid to Carl Grejtak.

A lunchtime chat for Eddie Smith and Tom Barberich.

Sam Bisi, Willie Pukmel, and Terry Deglau cast sidelong glances at Brenda Kerr.

A humorous assembly appeals to the student body.

Jack Repko and Janet Gretok use the library for personal interests.

Classroom co-operation was prevalent
from the tardy bell until dismissal time

CLASSES

Administration
Faculty
Seniors
Underclasses

ADMINISTRATION

A New Legislative Body for Derry Area

Miss Emogene Allman
Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

We are extremely fortunate in having an efficient and progressive Board of Education serving us as the law making body of our school district. It is comprised of seventeen members who are constantly striving to fulfill the wants and needs of the schools. These men give freely of their time to aid in our educational life. Their chief concern is that of bettering our schools for the youth of today and tomorrow. Their efficient and excellent direction has indeed given us prosperity and progression. Under their capable guidance Derry Area Schools have fine teachers, good equipment, and a rewarding and bright future.

The numerous works of our Board of Education are too vast to list here. However, we wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to those forward-looking citizens who donate time and services to us—the future citizens.

Seated: James Caldwell, George Smetak, John Duda, C. J. Earl Tarr, Charles Seabury, Charles E. Bixler. **Standing:** Charles L. Ferrero, Ferd Sylvester, Charles Shaffer, M. J. Kurtz, Frank Beattie, Wm. H. Landis, Jr., Lloyd Kepple, Curtis C. Allshouse, Andrew G. Ferrari, Thomas Burd, Michael Krinock, Paul Uschak. **Not Pictured:** Paul Riehl.

M. J. KURTZ

Supervising Principal

Elected Supervising Principal of Derry Township in 1952 and appointed to the same position of the Derry Area Joint School System in 1955, the conscientious and energetic Mr. Kurtz has done a fine job in guiding our school.

Although this position places upon him a great responsibility, Mr. Kurtz still finds time for hunting and fishing. Having once been a "gridiron" star and a prominent football coach, our supervising principal is interested in our team, and closely follows their progress from season to season.

WILLIAM J. LANDIS, JR.

Assistant Supervising Principal

Admired and respected by students and faculty is Mr. Landis. Being graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and the University of Pittsburgh, he was elected to Derry Borough High faculty in 1932, Principal in 1938, and Supervising Principal of Derry Schools in 1948. When the Derry Schools were joined in 1955, Mr. Landis became Assistant Supervising Principal of Derry Area Joint Schools.

The old adage says, "Men must be taught as if you taught them naught." Mr. Landis has this knack of teaching.

PRINCIPALS

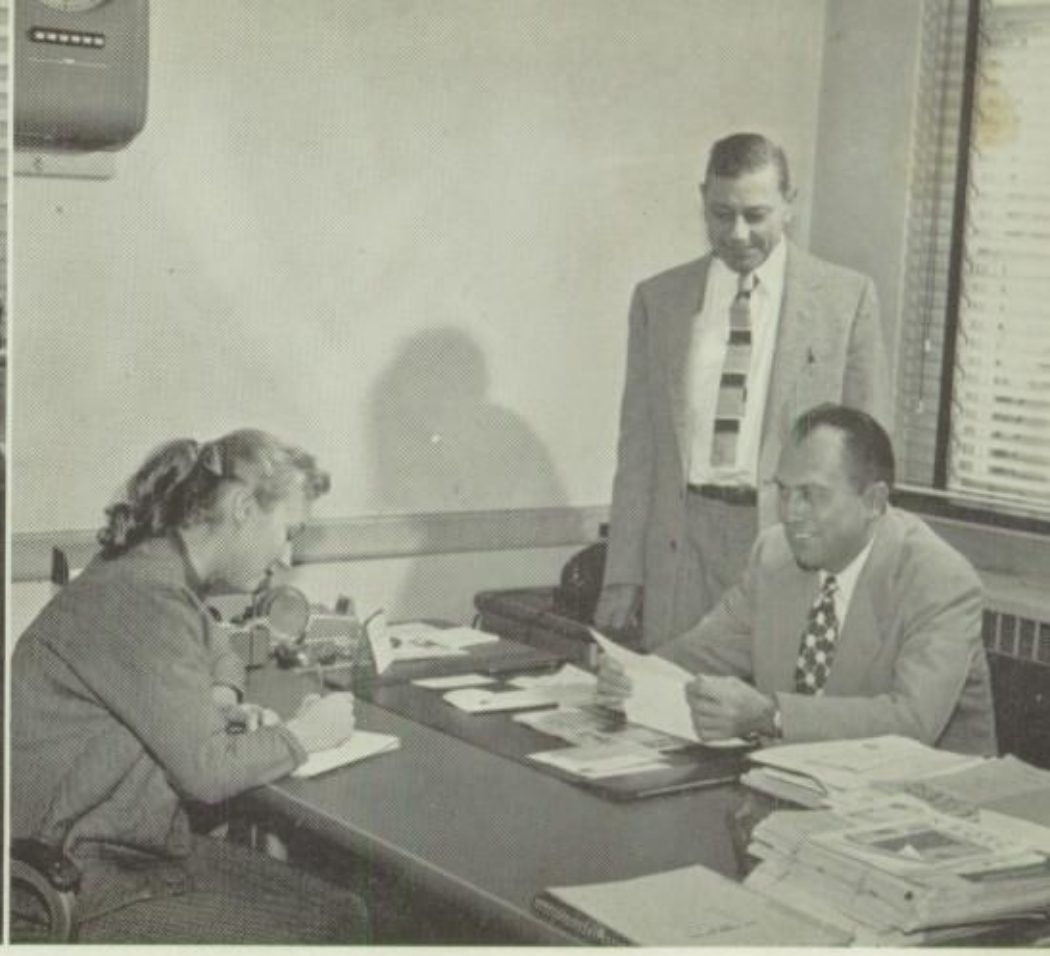
The leaders of our faculty and students

Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Stump discuss an administrative problem.

MR. M. H. STUMP
Principal

MR. AUGUSTINE EDMUNDS
Assistant Principal

Mr. Kurtz dictates to Miss Allman.



Mr. Stump and Mr. Edmunds give instructions to Gloria Somple.

Leaders and directors of our high school

MR. STUMP

Capable of the responsibilities placed upon him by this important position, and worthy of his many praises, our principal, Mr. Stump strives constantly to perfect the facilities and appearance of our school. Bettering our educational status is his chief goal. His congenial spirit reflects throughout the complete student body and faculty a feeling of cooperativeness. Our intelligent leader has been the contributing factor in the selection of the proper vccations for innumerable students of our school.

MR. EDMUNDS

In addition to instructing several classes in bookkeeping, Mr. Edmunds has complete charge of the school's and club's finances. Quiet and friendly, he is respected by all who come in contact with him. He spends a lot of his extra time giving out necessary supplies to teachers and students in the supply and book rooms. An ardent athletic fan, Mr. Edmunds can be found at every football and basketball game cheering our teams to victory.

Gloria Somple

Joyce Bundy

FACULTY

Our teachers impart what is true

MICHAEL W. BARAN

B.S. ... St. Vincent College ... Civics, Pennsylvania History ... sponsor of Freshmen Class ... former athletic star ... never a harsh word is uttered ... helps Mr. Conti transform our boys into track stars.

HARRY O. BAUMGARDNER

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... M.Ed ... University of Pittsburgh ... P.O.D., General Math ... faculty manager of athletics ... a family man ... always busily hurrying through the halls ... ever industrious.

CLYDE J. CALABRESE

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... Business Education ... efficient advisor of the Blue and Gold ... enjoyed working with his senior typing class .. constantly busy at his desk ... always finds time to laugh.

DELFINO P. CALVO

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... Instrumental Music ... co-sponsor of Music Club ... directs our fine band and high stepping majorettes ... takes pride in the band concert ... clever in the joke department.

RANDALL G. CAMPBELL

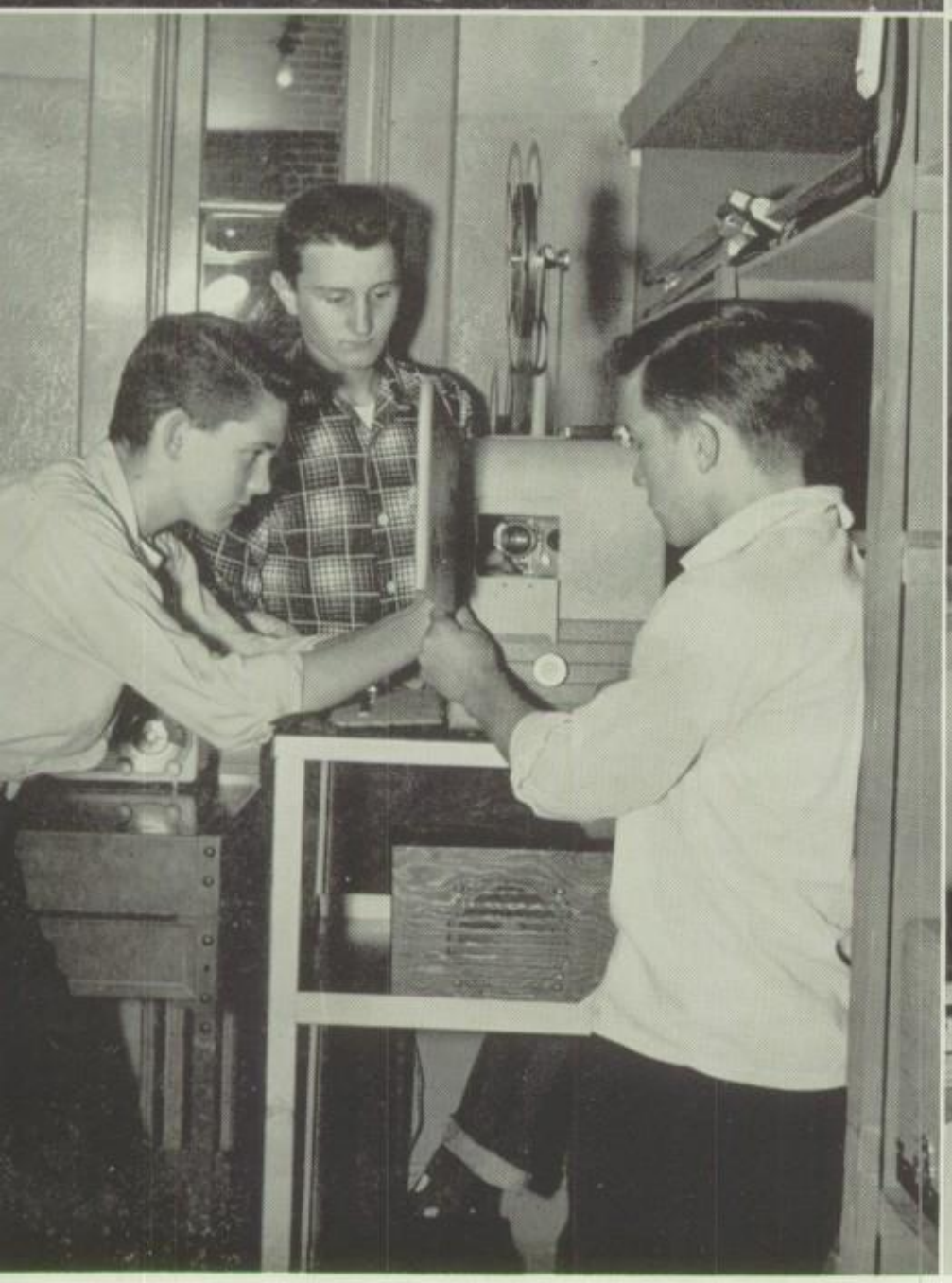
B.S. ... Penn State University ... M.S. ... Penn State University ... Vocational Agriculture ... sponsor of F.F.A. ... efficiently supervises the shop ... always willing to help with your problems ... revered by his Ag. students.

ERNEST J. CAPUTO

B.S. ... St. Bonaventure College ... Foreign languages ... an interested and active participant in parties and banquets of Latin and French Clubs ... sense of humor adds zest to his classes ... well groomed.

Mr. Graham, Mrs. Carbonara, Mr. Calabrese

Mr. Geracimos, Mr. Struble, Mrs. Markle



Mr. Campbell demonstrates the art of wood shop to his students.

Clarinet and drum sections of the band rehearse during eighth period.

Willie Pukmel explains the intricate parts of the projector.

Africa becomes a visual aid in Mr. Pilato's world history class.

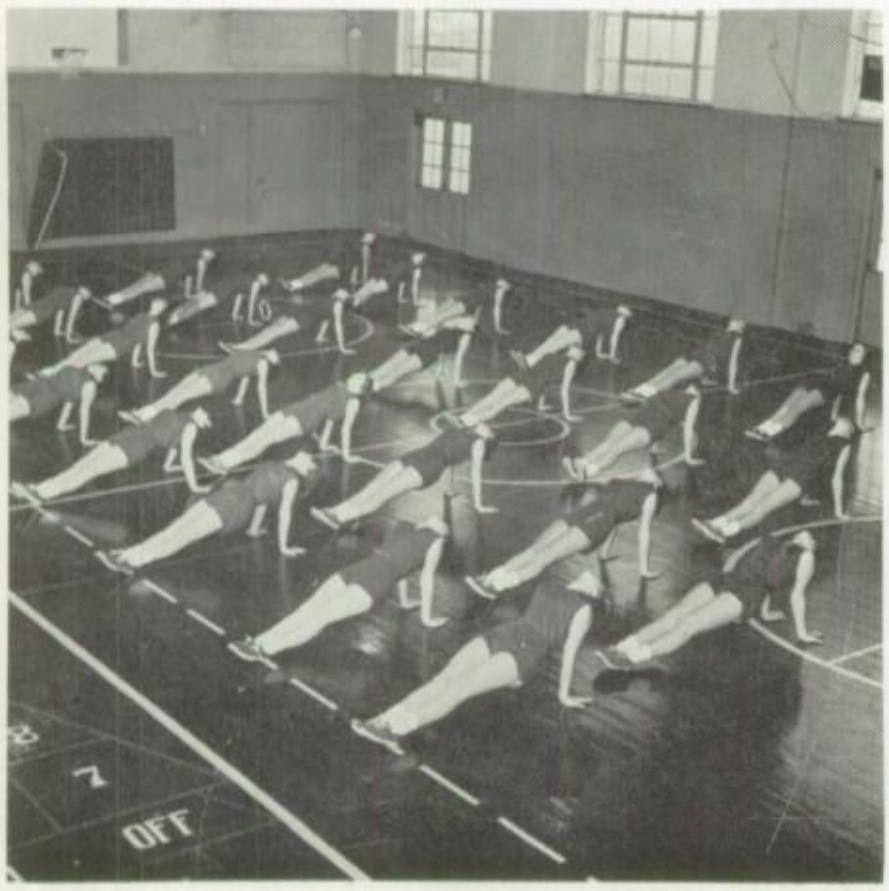
FACULTY

A load of books does not equal one good teacher

Mr. Conti, Mr. Baran, Mr. Weber, Miss Hallam

Mrs. Kist, Mr. Fiorina, Miss Smith

Physical education class does calisthenics.



MADELINE P. CARBONARA

B.S. ... Slippery Rock State Teachers College ... M.Ed ... University of Pittsburgh ... Physical Education ... sponsor of G.A.A. ... keeps our cheerleaders in top condition ... heads prom decorating committee ... fine sense of humor.

CHARLES J. CIGNETTO

B.S. ... St. Vincent College ... M.Ed. ... University of Pittsburgh ... General Science ... assistant basketball coach ... faculty manager of athletic equipment ... a "pal" to all his freshmen ... always in a pleasant mood.

BRUNO R. CONTI

B.A. ... Villanova ... Biology ... sponsor of Monogram Club ... as head football coach he takes an active interest in each boy on the gridiron ... likes to relate his grandchildren's exploits ... smile for everyone.

Mr. Caputo lends assistance to Janet Hall as Terry Deglau and Deanna Plato peruse the magazines.

MARTHA N. DIBERT

R.N. ... Latrobe Hospital School of Nursing ... attended summer sessions at Slippery Rock ... proud of her two children, Edward and Eileen ... special interests include reading, sewing, and working with children.

LOUIS J. FESTA

B.E. ... Duquesne University ... M.Ed. ... University of Pittsburgh ... Business Education ... busy during winter months as head basketball coach ... expects students to do their best in class ... always a pleasant "Hi" for everyone.

Mrs. Markle leads her choral group in song and harmony.

JOHN J. FIORINA

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... Business Education ... faculty business manager of the Blue and Gold ... coaches freshmen basketball team ... mild-mannered ... always busy ... proud of his new home.

NICHOLAS G. GERACIMOS

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... M.Ed. ... Columbia University ... Instrumental Music ... directs the newly organized junior band ... proud of being able to play with the "Stardusters" ... subtle sense of humor.

THOMAS W. GRAHAM

B.S. ... Slippery Rock State Teachers College ... M.Ed. ... Pennsylvania State University ... Physical Education ... puts his boys through rigid routines and drills ... officiates at many sporting events in the area.

HAZEL M. HALLAM

B.S. ... University of Pittsburgh ... Business Education ... sponsor of Commercial Club ... worked diligently as faculty head of our magazine campaign ... enlightens her daily class work with amusing stories ... enjoys Commercial Club parties.

SOPHIA R. KASPERIK

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... English ... Tri-Hi-Y Club sponsor ... handles all problems in a calm manner ... always produces a fine senior class play ... has many loyal friends.

NELL MARIE KIST

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... Business Education ... attended Penn State University last summer ... capable sponsor of Ushers Club and National Honor Society ... fine example of "neat attire" to her secretarials.

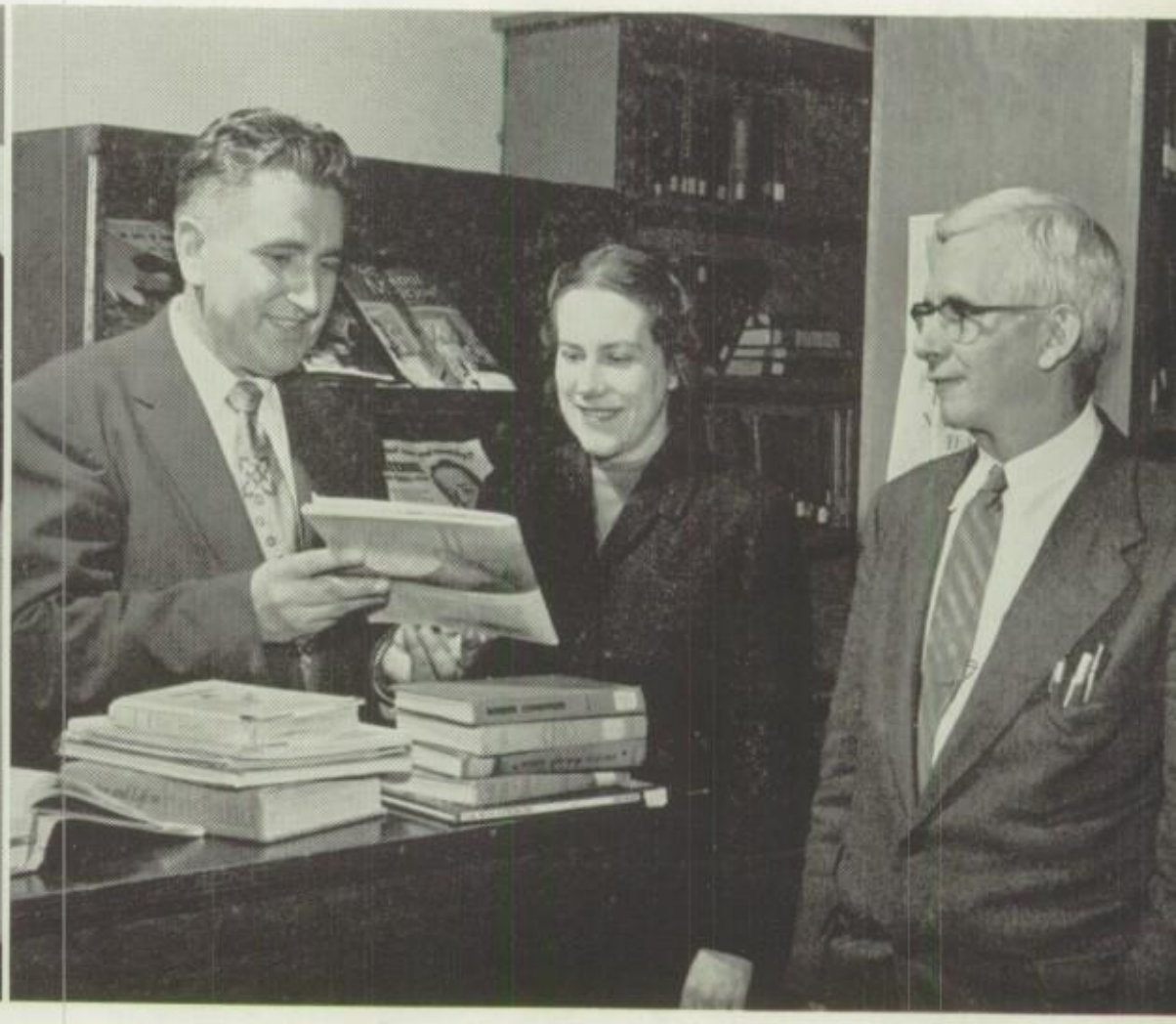
FACULTY

Instruction increases worth

Our busy senior boys solving problems in physics lab.

Mr. Festa, Miss Stathis, Mrs. Miller

Mr. Baumgardner, Miss Love, Mr. Urch



nd discipline strengthens the mind . . .

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cignetto, Mr. Calvo

Miss Kasperik, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Pilato

FACULTY

A teacher's cheerful spirit lessens problems

Mrs. Dibert, Miss Lenz

RUTH H. LENTZ

R.N. ... Latrobe Hospital School of Nursing ... keeps our students in top physical shape as head nurse ... has done graduate work at University of Pittsburgh and Indiana State Teachers College ... supervises health room ... congenial.

EDNA MAE LOVE

B.A. ... College of Wooster ... M.A. ... University of Pittsburgh ... Mathematics ... sponsor of the Math Club ... interested in all her students ... an asset to our math department ... proud of her former alma mater.

RUBY C. MARKLE

B.P.S.M. ... Otterbein ... Vocal Music ... co-sponsor of Music Club ... brings glee to hearts and faces as she leads in song ... always presents an excellent operetta and Christmas pageant.

JOHN L. PILATO

B.S. ... St. Vincent College ... M.Ed. ... University of Pittsburgh ... World History ... History Club sponsor ... keeps the library in top shape ... furnishes our classrooms with the "latest" in visual aids ... assistant football coach.

JOAN SMITH

B.A. ... Seton Hill ... English ... co-sponsor of Forensics ... friendly smile for everyone ... heads the dialogue department of our operettas ... enjoys coffee breaks ... can be seen as spectator at sporting events.

GEORGIA A. STATHIS

B.A. ... University of Pittsburgh ... English ... co-sponsor of Forensics ... fine debate coach who always encourages her debators ... conscientious person in her teaching ... her junior class play is always a success.

JESSE J. STRUBLE

B.S. ... Indiana State Teachers College ... English ... sponsor of Student Council ... associated with attractive sport jackets ... heads our newly-organized traffic patrol ... maintains order in his study hall.

JOHN J. URCH

A.B. ... Maryville ... Chemistry, Physics ... sophomore class adviser ... Science Club sponsor ... his quiet manner and jovial laugh make his classes interesting ... likes the outdoor life.

WILLIAM C. WEBER

B.S. ... St. Vincent College ... M.Ed. ... University of Pittsburgh ... Mathematics ... brings his cheerful disposition into classes ... adviser of the Junior Class ... spent many hours assisting our head coach on the gridiron.

Ralph Ray, Elaine Kahl, and Dale Henigin seek information in the library.

OFFICERS

President
Philip Lepley

Vice-President
Eileen Marcinik

Secretary-Treasurer
Peggy Falat

SENIORS

. . . Freshmen At West Derry---Sad Fate . . .

"We are seniors. Hear our yell . . . ." The loud voices of the loyal seniors were heard at every sports event cheering their team to victory. Excelling in several fields, the 55-56 Senior Class is proud of its many achievements, such as: vivacious Joanne Baum, marching as head majorette with our band which, incidentally, is composed of several "four-year" musicians and seven senior majorettes: Ann Adams, Joanne Andrako, Alice Gelston, Nancy Hoyle, Janet Koway, Janet McKee, and Shirley Panizzi. The music department boasts of innumerable talented seniors including: Harry Switzer, our first trumpeter, Frances Gasdek, an excellent pianist and accordionist, and Gwen Howard, our future dancing star. It takes talented seniors to excel in the fine arts field, but it also takes exceptional lads to be outstanding athletes. The gridiron and basketball court proved to be a second home for Tom Barberich, Lawrence Burd, Walter Corey, Tom Pavlik, and Joe Smith, while John Gelsdorf was an asset on both the football and track teams. Gloria Somple, our lone cheerleader, bore a great influence on our many victories. Orchids to the '55-'56 graduating class. May they prove as successful in the future as they have proved in the past four years at Derry Area A.

A duplicating job is fun for skillful Joyce Bundy, Sue Camilli, and Marilyn Kinsey.

Posing for our photographer in the library are Mike Sisak and Janet Koway.

A busy Monday morning for Mr. Edmunds, Joanne Goodlin, and Dolores McGuire in our supply room.

George Stephens has an interesting tale for Donna Williams and Cora Moore.

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ANN ADAMS ... Clerical ... Pretty, poised, personality-plus all apply to "Annie" ... this Bradenville blonde was one of our high-kicking majorettes ... a pizza fan ... future office worker ... belongs to numerous clubs.

NANCY ANDERSON ... Secretarial ... this dark-haired beauty lists "Dick" as her very special interest ... enjoys office practice ... pals with Nancy Shrum ... has a smile for all ... a future office worker.

Joe Smith "treats" Barbara Reider to a nourishing beverage.

JOANNE ANDRAKO ... General ... Jo Ann is one of the majorettes in front of the band ... is always with one of the Loyalhanna Gang ... active in French Club and G.A.A.

PETER ANGELINE ... General ... "Pete" is full of fun ... one of Mr. Calvo's favorite musicians ... likes girls and baseball ... pals with Gene Cech ... doesn't agree with the theory that school makes the man ... Navy bound.

EDWARD ANGUS ... College Prep ... quiet and persevering ... member of the Science Club ... operates in an intelligent crowd ... chooses Rozer as his favorite companion ... active member of the French Club.

THOMAS ASHBAUGH ... General ... known formally as "Tee;" is usually with Buddah ... enjoys sitting down to a meal of pork chops and potatoes ... looks forward to the Air Force ... one of Mr. Pilato's projectionists.

THOMAS BARBERICH ... General ... one of our big football players ... "Abner" enjoys all sports ... Brenizer is his favorite stomping ground ... special interests are girls and eating ... plans to join the Army.

EVELYN BARNHART ... Clerical ... "Evie" is quiet, friendly and liked by all ... divides her sweetness and friendliness among everyone ... industrious Student Council member ... future receptionist ... President of the Commercial Club.

DONNA BARR ... General ... a wizard at the drawing board ... quiet with a friendly smile ... likes to collect pop records and spoons ... would like to attend art school after graduation.

DAVID BATES ... College Prep ... "Dave" looks quiet, but looks are deceiving ... best friends are listed among the Cooperstown crowd ... enjoys good music ... would rather be in physics than anywhere ... Science Club member.

FRANCIS BAUM ... College Prep ... a quiet, conservative student ... usually seen with Ed and Joe ... likes reading and playing the piano ... plans to enter Indiana State Teachers College ... an asset to many clubs.

JOANN BAUM ... General ... her flashing boots and twirling baton led our band ... likes to dance and swim ... would rather be anywhere than in school ... an ardent Loyalhanna resident ... a future beautician.

GERALD BECHAK ... College Prep ... dark, good-looking Jerry causes many female hearts to flutter ... likes to swim ... a jitterbug fan ... very mathematical minded ... college next stop after graduation ... Forensic and French Club member.

KATHLEEN BISI ... College Prep ... good natured and always smiling ... was a success in our junior class play ... plans to attend Penn State after graduation ... active in many clubs.

GEORGE BOGGIO ... General ... one of our Bradenville lads ... former member of the band ... now plays with a dance orchestra ... has many friends and is a friend of many.

MAURICE BORBONUS ... Clerical ... friendly and co-operative ... must like girls to inhabit Room 4 ... indispensable to the Commercial Club ... always operating office machines ... very popular ... a future clerical worker.

JANET BOWERS ... General ... "Jenny" is short and cute ... prefers bookkeeping to English ... one of our fancy roller skaters ... can be seen with Lucy ... marriage plans after graduation ... Music Club member.

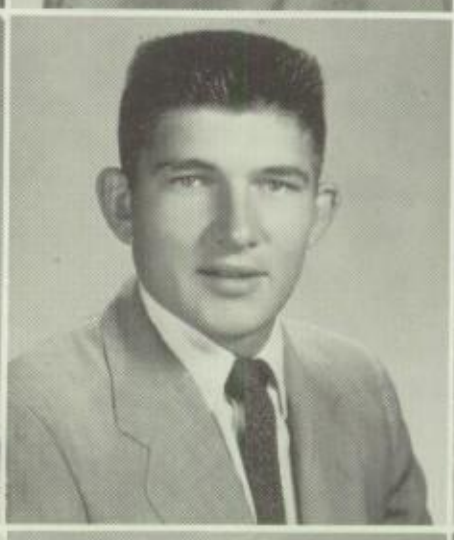
JAMES BOYER ... General ... "Jim" is a talented trombonist ... has many friends ... plane geometry was no trouble for this curly-haired lad ... sparkling personality with a touch of mischief ... Oh yes! He sings too!

FRANCIS BRANTNER ... General ... "Doe's" one of our hot rodders ... helps hold up our school wall with Sam ... swell sense of humor ... Loyalhanna is his home town ... future bulldozer operator ... has an ancient Chevie.

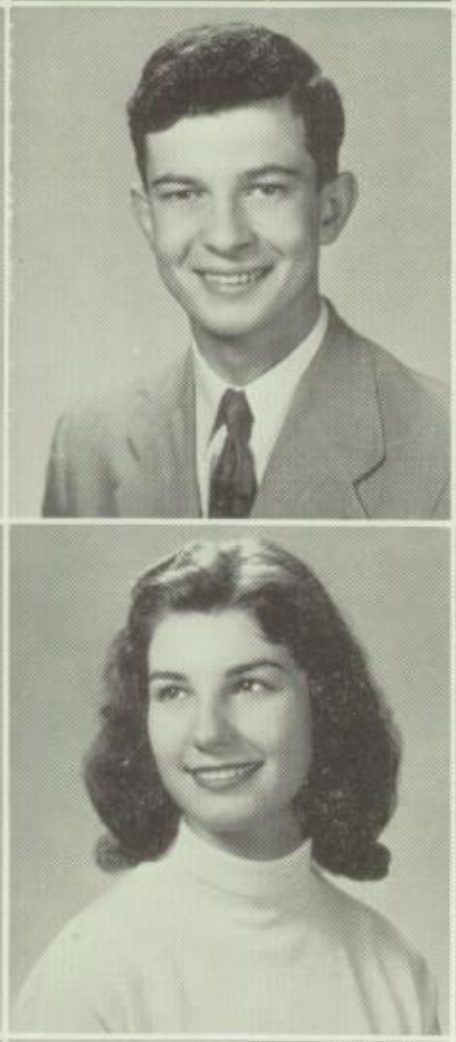
JOYCE BUNDY ... Secretarial ... pretty "Joy" is liked by all ... serves as Mr. Stump's secretary ... secretary of the National Honor Society ... attended all-county band ... an asset to many clubs.

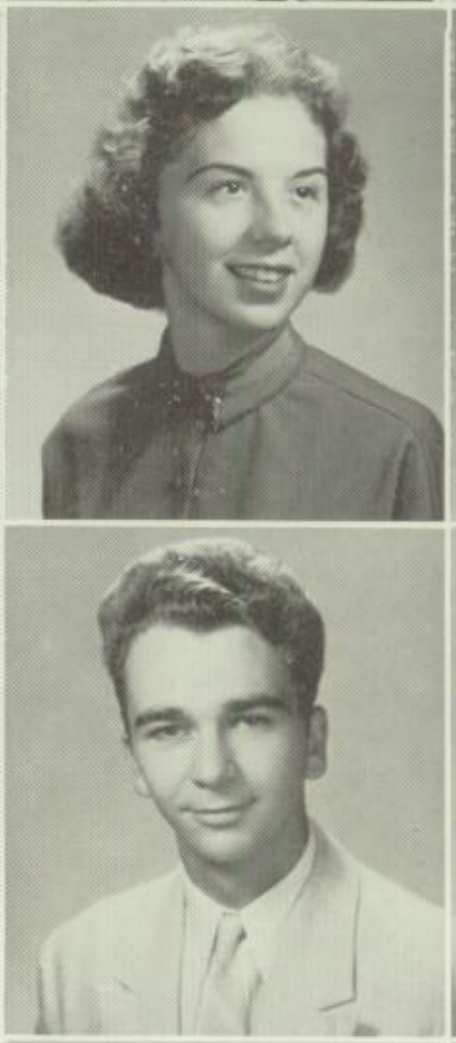
Ann Adams
Nancy Anderson
Joanne Andrako
Peter Angeline

Edward Angus
Thomas Ashbaugh
Thomas Barberich
Evelyn Barnhart



David Bates
Francis Baum
Joann Baum
Donna Barr





Gerald Bechak
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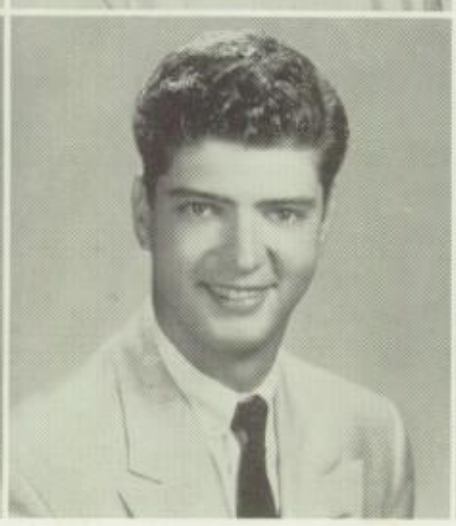
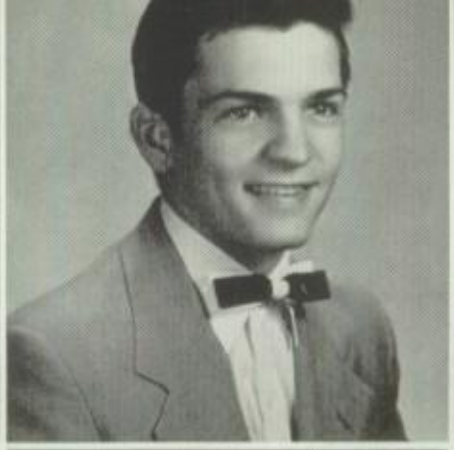


... Freshmen Party - - - - Did we have fun...

... High school classes - - - - on the run...

Agnes Burd

Lawrence Burd



Donald Burns

James Butalla

Juliann Calabres

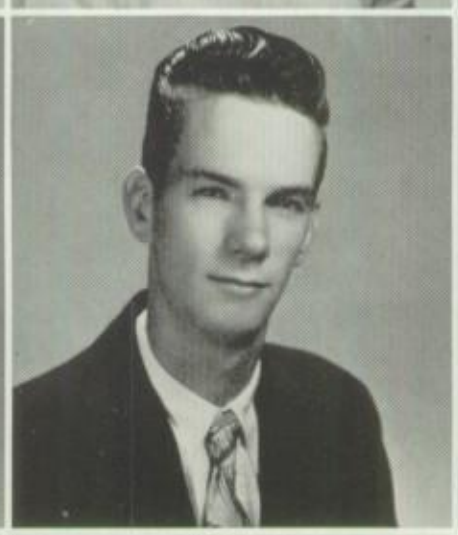
Assunta Camilli

Lois Carns

Eugene Cech

Frances Cohen

Walter Corey



William Cowan

Jacqueline Croni

Maureen Cronin

Georgine Cummi

Shirley Dascenzo

Robert Daw

William Dunmire

Charles Ellenberg

Margaret Falat

Richard Fatora

...Snowflake Coronation - - turned out well...

...Christmas Cantata - - - - really swell...

1956 SENIORS

AGNES BURD ... College Prep ... "Pinky" is full of fun and liked by everyone ... likes to gossip about men ... plans to go to Penn State ... enthusiastic member of the History Club.

LAWRENCE BURD ... College Prep ... "Butch" is right at home on a football field or a basketball court ... has a quiet sense of humor ... college bound ... capable Vice-President of the National Honor Society.

DONALD BURNS ... General ... Don hails from Kingston ... enjoys eating ... thinks studying should be outlawed ... claims sales is his favorite subject ... future "fly boy" ... quiet sense of humor ... looks forward to graduation.

JAMES BUTALLA ... General ... fondly dubbed "Yummy" by Joe and other friends ... a sportsminded lad ... our favorite waterboy ... claims eating as a favorite hobby ... Mr. Cignetto's right-hand man ... active member of the History Club.

JULIANN CALABRESE ... College Prep ... "Dolly" likes to cook and read ... plans to be a "lady in white" ... has a "green thumb" when it comes to gardening ... usually with Mary Ann ... abhors homework.

ASSUNTA CAMILLI ... Secretarial ... quiet, reserved, and sweet ... a Derry lass ... skating and dancing fill her spare time ... enjoys jam sessions ... perfection plus in secretarial practice ... future secretary.

LOIS CARNS ... Clerical ... "Loey" is a jazz and football fan ... hails from Cooperstown ... her long hair is envied by many ... dislikes business law ... active in Ushers Club ... a French fries fan.

EUGENE CECH ... General ... "Boss of Bradenville" ... special interests are girls and sports ... plans to join the Air Force ... enjoys Algebra ... excels in track ... shines on the basketball court.

FRANCES COHEN ... General .. .a whiz on wheels, that's our "Fran" ... dancing occupies spare moments ... hails from Brenizer ... future beauty operator ... valuable participant in our operetta ... active Music Club member.

WALTER COREY ... General ... gifted with a likable personality ... known as "Pud" to his friends ... hobby is drawing ... an asset to our football squad ... Air Force or college after graduation ... belongs to numerous clubs.

WILLIAM COWAN ... General ... "Bill" is a quiet, friendly boy ... best pal is Joe ... likes history, mechanics, and sports ... will soon be flying overhead ... loyal member of the Music Club.

JACQUELINE CRONIN ... General ... "Jackie" shines in typing class ... usually seen with Marian and Eileen ... active in the History and Music Clubs ... forsees a future as a social worker.

MAUREEN CRONIN ... General ... "Mim" prefers cooking and swimming to other hobbies ... can be seen frequently with Marlene and Norma ... plans after graduation to join the Air Force ... French Club member.

GEORGINE CUMMINGS ... Secretarial ... this sweet lass is fun to be with ... a faithful four-year member of the band ... a skilled piano player ... plans for business college or work in a Pittsburgh bank.

SHIRLEY DASCENZO ... Secretarial ... "Shirley's" sparkling personality has won her many friends ... active co-editor of the Blue and Gold ... Treasurer of the National Honor Society ... attended all-county band ... definite plans for college.

Harry Switzer dials for Jim Latimer as Jerry Bechak looks on.

ROBERT DAW ... Voc. Ag. ... "Bob" is friendly and witty ... avoids study hall, if he can ... next to girls there's nothing more enjoyable than photography ... plans to join Uncle Sam ... steers a mean vehicle.

WILLIAM DUNMIRE ... Clerical ... "Smokey" is a valuable asset to Room 4 ... swimming pool is his second home in the summertime ... plans to wear navy blue after graduation ... popular with his many friends.

CHARLES ELLENBERGER ... General ... this quiet fellow finds English very interesting ... can be seen with Richard and Dave ... hunting is his favorite pastime ... quite interested in cars and guns.

MARGARET FALAT ... Secretarial ... cute, petite Peggy is nice to have around ... popular music and football games to her are fascinating ... Secretary-Treasurer of the Senior Class ... future efficient secretary.

RICHARD FATORA ... College Prep ... a very industrious, successful student ... admired for his scholastic standing ... stamp collector ... builds model planes ... will be a college man after graduation.

1956 SENIORS

EILEEN FILICKO ... Secretarial ... quiet and friendly ... efficient, ambitious secretary ... after graduation she'll be an airline stewardess ... Secretary-Treasurer of the Commercial Club ... sweet Eileen hails from Snydertown.

JAMES FISK ... General ... one of our subdued seniors ... "Regi" drives a fashionable vehicle ... derives pleasure from doing church work and tinkering with his model railroad.

Marlene Valdiserri, Lillian Mascia, and Mary Ann Osinkoski—our smiling librarians.

FRANCES FRENCHIK ... General ... "Fran" enjoys skating, dancing, and swimming ... friendly to all ... active member of the Advertising Staff of the Blue and Gold ... usually with Ann ... nurse's aid her senior year.

DUANE GAMBLE ... General ... quiet and reserved ... Duane hails from Millwood ... hopes to wear khaki's soon after school ... anxiously awaits hunting and fishing seasons each year.

FRANCES GASDEK ... General ... Music, Music, Music, best describes Fran ... excels in playing many instruments ... considering nursing or archaeology for the future ... accompanies our annual operetta ... active in Latin and French clubs.

CARYL GEARY ... College Prep ... cheerful, charming Caryl has loads of friends ... hometown is Millwood ... future is nursing or college ... Vice-President of the History Club ... faithful four-year member of the band.

JOHN GELSDORF ... General ... a likable lad from Peanut ... "Itch" is the all-round sportsman ... incomparable in football and track ... president of the Math Club ... quite an eye-catching lad.

ALICE GELSTON ... College Prep ... one of our energetic majorettes ... member of the Torrance Gang ... hot-rod fan ... capable president of the History Club ... Student Council member.

DOLORES GIPSON ... General ... "Gibby" ... a West Derry lass ... spends spare time trying out new foods ... plans for the future include nursing and marriage ... History Club member ... played the lead in our operetta.

JOANNE GOODLIN ... Clerical ... "Jo" is always seen with Dolores ... due to her radiant personality, fun is had when she's around ... assists Mr. Edmunds in the supply room ... hopes to become a nurse.

JUDITH GOZDICK ... Secretarial ... "Judy" hails from Snydertown ... dislikes rainy days ... future may include Slippery Rock College ... new Forensic Club member ... works hard on Blue and Gold Staff ... nice personality.

ELDER HARRIS ... Vocational Agriculture ... Blairsville is his stomping ground ... hopes to join the Air Force or be a farmer ... never a dull moment when "Tex" is around ... active in F.F.A. and football.

NANCY HARTSHORN ... General ... likes square dancing and riding horses ... quiet, but nice ... enjoys sales and world history ... member of Tri-Hi-Y ... a faithful member of the nurse's aid group.

MARY ELLEN HENRY ... General ... quiet and a real friend to all ... business school after graduation ... usually at the skating rink ... active member of the G.A.A. ... likes to draw and listen to the radio.

VERA HILL ... Clerical ... cooking and baking are her hobbies ... quiet and reserved ... her goal is to get a good job ... likes office practice ... membership in the Ushers and Commercial Clubs.

LUCY HIMLER ... Clerical ... becoming a bookkeeper is her aim ... Bradenville is her home town ... member of Commercial Club ... has many friends ... likes pizza and spaghetti ... industrious member of G.A.A. and Ushers Club.

ANN HOEFER ... College Prep ... "Ann" is known for her frankness ... has many friends ... efficient co-editor of the Blue and Gold ... wedding bells will be ringing after graduation ... belongs to numerous clubs.

GWENDOLYN HOWARD ... College Prep. ... "Gwen" is a charming dancer ... likes to play the piano ... plans for college after graduation ... active in G.A.A. and Secretary of Math Club ... would like to teach dancing.

SAMUEL HOWELL ... General ... "Sam's" home sweet home is Snydertown ... anticipates joining the Marines ... likes to hunt and fish ... participated in the Math Club ... mechanically minded when it comes to cars.

NANCY HOYLE ... General ... pretty, petite, and loves fun ... excells as a majorette ... a future newspaper journalist ... active in French Club ... likes to bake and ride horses ... president of G.A.A.

Eileen Filicko
James Fisk
Frances Frenchik
Duane Gamble

Frances Gasdek
Caryl Geary
John Gelsdorf
Alice Gelston

Dolores Gipson
Joanne Goodlin
Judith Gozdick
Elder Harris

Nancy Hartshorn
Mary Ellen Henry
Vera Hill
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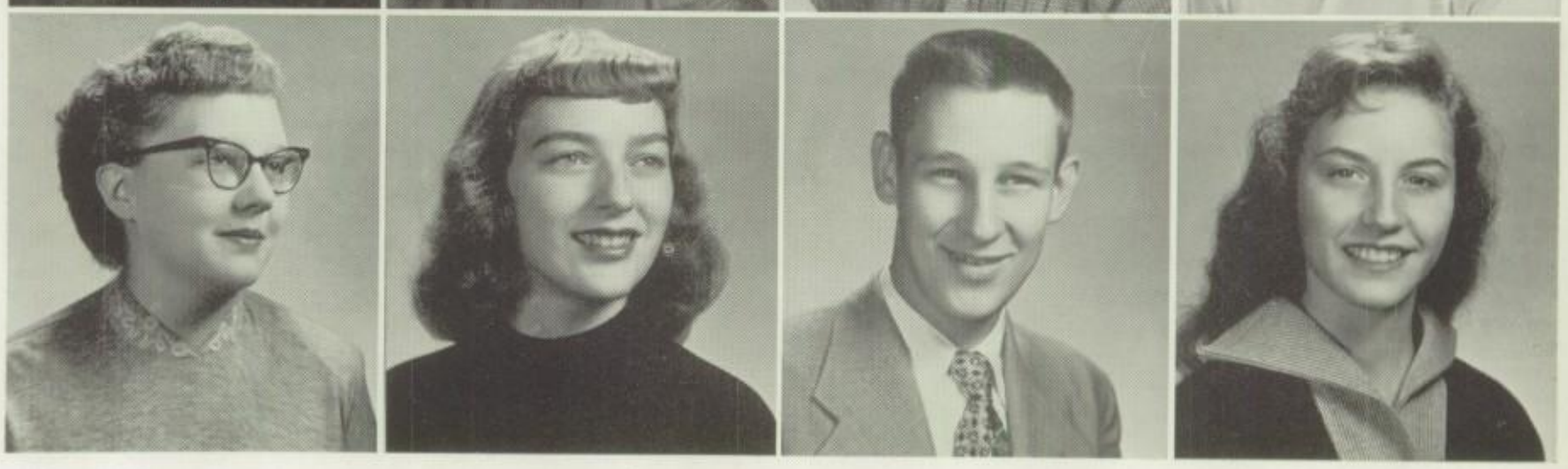

...Miss Smith's English - - Busy as can be...

...Basketball season - - - - Oh! What glee...

Anna Mae Hump
Janet Hunter
Elaine Kahl
Joan Kellerman

Joseph Kellerman
Anthony Kerin
Glenn Kepple
Charles Kessler

Marilyn Kinsey
John Kollar
Janet Koway
Edward Kozar

Norma Kridler
Bernard Kubistek
James Latimer
Jay Leary

Sally Leary
Larry Leonard
Philip Lepley
Joyce Levrio

... Upper classmen - - - at last are we...

... We're really Juniors - - - - Oh! gee!...

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ANNA MAE HUMPHREY ... Clerical ... "Turtle" likes to swim and dance ... an avid football and stock-car racing fan ... hails from Blairsville ... belongs to Ushers Club and Tri-Hi-Y ... likes to hot rod.

JANET HUNTER ... Clerical ... "Jan" ... vibrant personality ... always in a good humor ... considers meeting people fun and adventurous ... may fly through the air as a airline hostess ... member of the Commercial Club.

ELAINE KAHL ... Clerical ... listens ardently to popular music ... plans after high school solely include marriage ... quiet Elaine has many friends ... active member of the Commercial and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs ... one of our Commercialites.

JOAN KELLERMAN ... Secretarial ... "Annie" ... a smile for all ... quite a movie fan ... finds good in all people and is friendly to all ... active member of the Commercial and Music Clubs.

JOSEPH KELLERMAN ... Voc. Ag. ... "Satch" is a friendly lad from Gray Station ... a loyal subject of Isaly's ... prefers hunting to school and teachers ... never a dull moment when he's around.

GLENN KEPPLE ... General ... "Dick" ... a tall, handsome blond ... blushes quite easily ... shy ... likes to deassemble cars and machinery ... member of the French Club ... friendly to all and is liked by all.

ANTHONY KERIN ... General ... "Tony" ... the great outdoors fascinates Tony, as his hobbies lie there ... quiet and conservative, he dislikes boisterous people ... hails from Hillside ... has a varied list of plans for after graduation.

CHARLES KESSLER ... General ... a newcomer to our school ... "Charlie" likes Perry Como's singing ... future spent in Armed Forces ... basketball and all sports are tops with him ... loyal member of Derry gang.

MARILYN KINSEY ... Secretarial ... "Kins" ... pretty blonde ... friendly and cooperative ... adverse to unfriendly people ... member of the Commercial and Music Clubs ... listens and dances to popular music.

JOHN KOLLAR ... General ... "Neighbor" ... his humorous remarks provide pleasure for his fellow classmates ... everyone is John's friend ... a collector of all the top tunes of the day ... liked by all.

JANET KOWAY ... Secretarial ... "Jan" ... pretty, peppy sweatergirl ... possesses a hard-to-get drivers' license ... active member of the Commercial Club ... a smile for everyone and a friend of all.

EDWARD KOZAR ... Voc. Ag. ... "Rambler" is known for his sharp wit ... rather do anything than work ... F.F.A. ... a Romeo with the opposite sex ... plans to join the Army ... one of our gridiron stars.

NORMA KRIDLER ... General ... Norma is a friendly gal ... known for her taste in clothes ... gorges herself on pizza pie and spaghetti ... French Club ... dislikes thrifty persons ... always chattering ... special interest is dancing.

BERNARD KUBISTEK ... General ... "Burp" is the unsung man behind our team ... his quiet manner has won him many friends ... track and football manager ... Monogram Club ... finds pleasure in annoying the opposite sex.

JAMES LATIMER ... College Prep ... "Latts" is usually tooting his trumpet or banging the base drum ... operettas and junior class play are his specialty ... pastime spent teasing girls ... French Club ... says everyone is his friend.

"Lipstick time" for Nancy Hoyle and Janet McKee in girls' locker room.

JAY LEARY ... General ... quiet and reserved in school ... "Herk" is the outdoor type ... thinks school and homework are for the birds ... claims Bradenville as his home ... soon will be flying overhead.

SALLY LEARY ... Clerical ... shy and quiet ... enjoys company of Barbara and Janet ... special interests include dancing and going on picnics ... belongs to many clubs ... a future "number please" girl.

LARRY LEONARD ... General ... a quiet industrious lad ... one of our traffic directors ... plans to be a college grad ... always willing to lend a helping hand ... French Club ... English is the least of his worries.

PHILIP LEPLEY ... General ... proved his ability as Senior Class President as well as on the football field ... faithful member of Loyalhanna gang ... Monogram Club ... popular wherever he goes ... future undecided.

JOYCE LEVRIO ... Secretarial ... always chattering and smiling ... "Lev" is usually with Gloria Somple ... sports are tops on her list ... History Club ... faithful secretarial worker ... dislikes snobbish people ... future office worker.

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JOSEPH LIBERONI ... General ... a well-mannered, friendly person ... rather be home than in school ... future is undecided ... coin collecting is his hobby ... likes to eat pizza ... the outdoor type.

JOSEPHINE LIBERONI ... General ... one of "Toni twins;" best friend is Jenny Bowers ... a real farm girl ... collecting pictures is her hobby ... likes bookkeeping and pizza ... plans to enter nurses' training.

Filing important papers are Eileen Filicko and Anna Mae Humphrey.

GERALDINE MALARICK ... General ... "Gerry" plans to spend her future as a "Florence Nightingale" ... proud resident of New Derry ... likes dancing, swimming, and driving ... a loyal History Club member ... usually with Mary Ann Novello.

REGIS MALLOY ... General ... a mischievous person ... always has a smile for everyone ... likes to hunt and travel ... hails from Kingston ... dislikes fickle friends and algebra ... plans to be a stonemason.

EILEEN MARCINIK ... College Prep ... abhors physics ... member of our judiciary dept. ... spends leisure time playing the piccolo ... President of the Tri-Hi-Y ... "Mademoiselle Marcinik" is an ardent French fan ... enjoys typing class ... future air hostess.

MARY ANN MARCINIK ... College Prep ... "Mamie" is right at home in P.O.D. class ... future private secretary ... Loyalhanna lass ... History and G.A.A. Club ... Hilltopper fan ... thrives on pizza ... Secretary of the Science Club.

CAROLYN MARKIEWICZ ... Secretarial ... sweet, unspoiled, and affectionate ... "Carol" is admired by teachers and students alike ... spends spare time collecting records ... National Honor Society ... plans a secretarial career ... officer in G.A.A.

THEODORE MARRON ... College Prep ... shy, but nice ... excels in both friendship and scholarship ... hard working student council member ... interested in mechanics and carpentry ... college bound ... French Club member.

LILLIAN MASCIA ... General ... "Lil" is big as a minute ... admired by many ... enjoys music and gab sessions ... after graduation will be nurses' training ... likes stock-car races and skating.

JAMES MASSIMINO ... College Prep ... "Mussy" is a major part of the Loyalhanna gang ... future will be spent with "Uncle Sam" ... loves to eat spaghetti in spare time ... Latin and French Club member.

ROGER McCHESNEY ... College Prep ... quiet and studious ... "Buck" enjoys the company of Ed and Richard ... likes farming and 4-H work ... future college material ... active Forensic club member ... likes any kind of food.

PHILIP McCURDY ... Vocational Agriculture ... "Flip" is a real farm lad ... has a ready smile for his many friends ... claims farming is closest to his heart ... an asset to the N.H.S. ... future farm owner.

DOLORES McGUIRE ... Clerical ... "Dee" will never forget that broken auditorium seat ... her friendly smile is for everyone ... this charming lass likes business law ... active member of History Club and G.A.A.

JANET McKEE ... Secretarial ... "Red" is a member of the Torrance gang ... dislikes unfriendly people and rain ... one of our marching majorettes ... future secretary ... active member of the Commercial Club ... likes to eat.

WILLIAM MIKOLAY ... General ... "Fous" says Trig is just as interesting as hunting and football ... recalls torn pants in the locker alcove ... always praising his hometown, Brenizer ... football and track man ... Math club member.

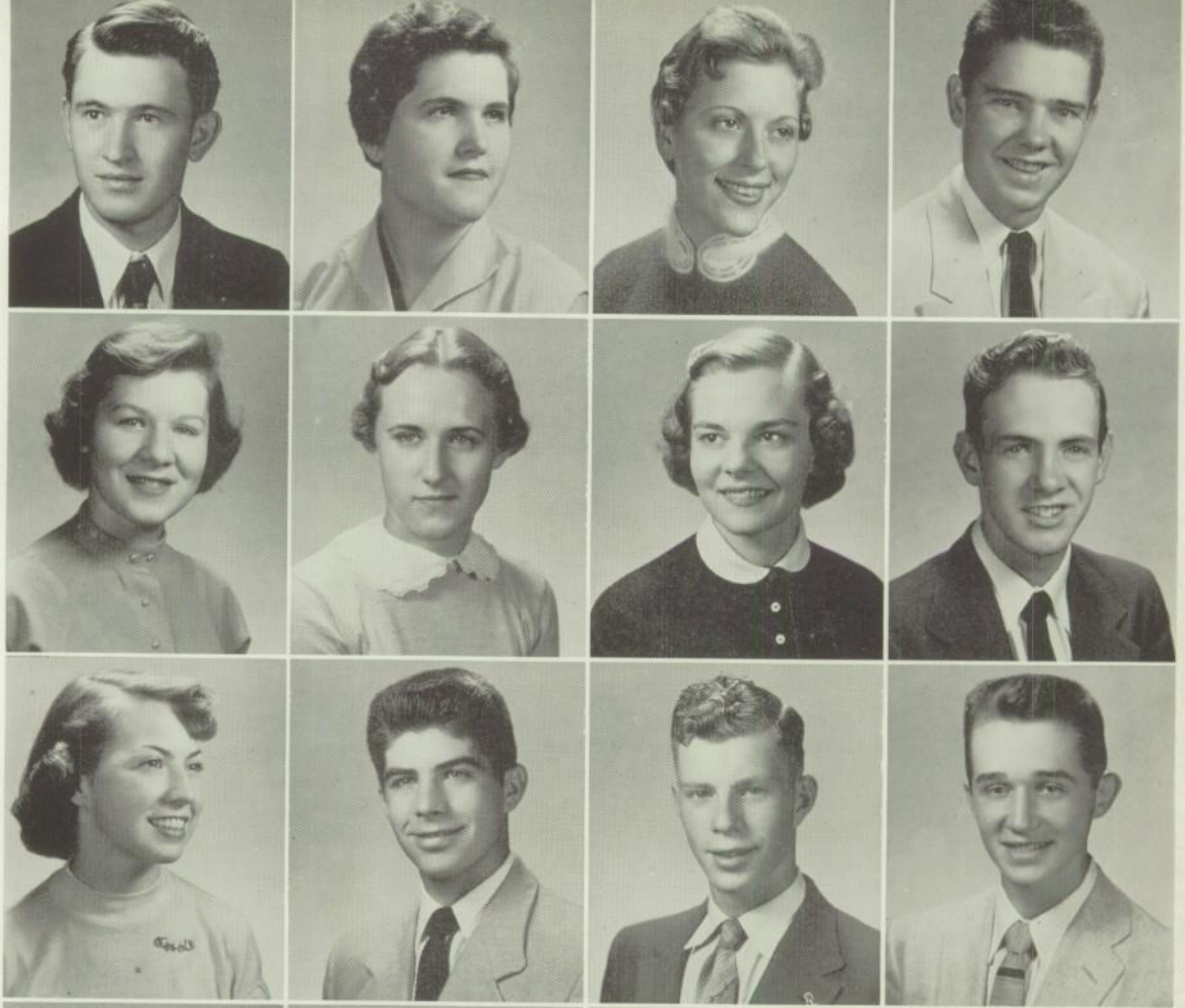
CORA JANE MOORE ... Clerical ... cute and sweet ... enjoys company of Mary Ann and Elaine ... always chattering and giggling ... "Muscles" likes all sports except basketball ... plans to be a bookkeeper ... belongs to numerous clubs.

ROBERT MUMAU ... College Prep ... "Bob" thinks study halls are dull ... will always remember his Bermuda shorts and the junior class play ... future engineer at Carnegie Tech ... active member of Forensics ... track member.

WILLIAM NEAL ... Clerical ... "Killer" likes girls and more girls ... may be seen rooting for Brenizer ball club ... plans to sail the seas after graduation ... mixed choir ... member of the music club.

MARY ANN NOVELLO ... General ... a bundle of dynamite ... claims P.O.D. as her favorite subject ... hails from New Derry ... likes to dance ... plans to be a nurse ... rather be anywhere than in consumer class.

LOUISE OPATKA ... Clerical ... "Pat" is gay and sparkling with enthusiasm ... P.O.D. and business law rate top honors with her ... plans to be a secretary ... one of our band members ... likes to eat.



Joseph Liberoni
Josephine Liberoni
Geraldine Malarick
Regis Malloy

Eileen Marcinik
Mary Ann Marcinik
Carolyn Markiewicz
Theodore Marron

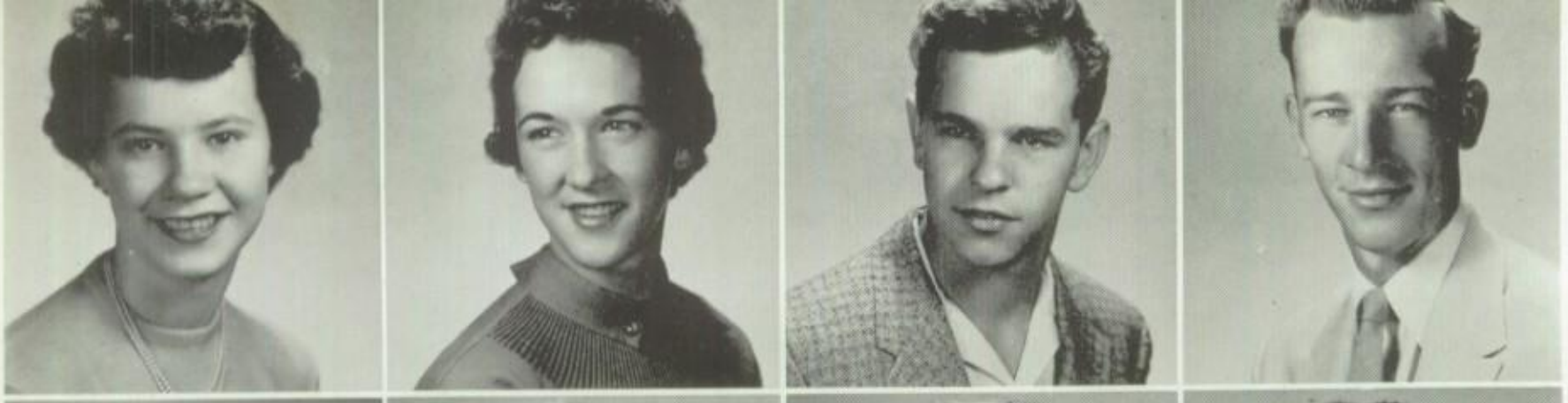
Lillian Mascia
James Massimino
Roger McChesney
Philip McCurdy

Dolores McGuire
Janet McKee
William Mikolay
Cora Moore

Robert Mumau
William Neal
Mary Ann Novello
Louise Opatka

... "Tune In" - - - - The songs were grand...

... Now there's a class ring - - - on our hand...



Mary Ann Osinko
Shirley Panizzi
Walter Patz
Thomas Pavlik

Silvano Perla
Laura Pickles
Helen Pukmel
William Pukmel

Ronald Radacosk
Mildred Rajacich
Donald Ray
Ralph Ray

Barbara Reider
Joseph Roman
Michael Sagan
Deanna Scearce

Nancy Schrum
Carolyn Shrum
Francis Sessi
Robert Shaffer

... "Shangri-La" - - - Dreamy and divine...

... "Father of the Bride" - - Simply sublime...

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MARY ANN OSINKOSKI ... Clerical ... a pleasant person ... "Sinkey's" best friend is Cora ... hails from Cooperstown ... served the school as head librarian ... plans a secretarial career ... dislikes homework and conceited people.

SHIRLEY PANIZZI ... Clerical ... one of our eye-catching majorettes ... "Peppy" is very talented ... usually with Lavonne and Jo Ann ... drives a long golf ball and a sleek studebaker ... future? wait and see.

WALTER PATZ ... General ... curly-haired and enjoyable "Walt" is one of our mathematical adorers ... in spare time he stuffs animals ... stays up all hours reading books ... likes steak, but not homework.

THOMAS PAVLIK ... General ... "Tom" ... one of our gridiron stars ... humorous, friendly, and well-liked ... very efficient Student Council President ... member of the National Honor Society ... valuable to the other clubs.

SILVANO PERLA ... College Prep ... good-looking ... well known "Silky" is everyone's friend ... has a taste for Italian food ... enjoys singing ... likes playing golf and trig class ... future school teacher.

LAURA PICKLES ... General ... "Lolo" hails from the Mechesneytown area ... enjoys Mr. Baumgardner's P. O. D. Class ... mixing ice cream with roller skates at local rinks is tops ... will answer "number please" soon.

HELEN PUKMEL ... General ... was an addition to our Junior Class ... makes her home in Hillside ... very quiet and reserved but still well liked ... "Pucky" claims typing her favorite subject.

WILLIAM PUKMEL ... General ... "Wee Willie," our wonder boy ... thinks the world of Hillside ... is as steady as one of our managers ... enjoys drawing cartoons ... may be seen watching Wednesday fights ... Forensic President.

RONALD RADACOSKY ... College Prep ... industrious, intelligent "Ron" makes all his tasks seem easy ... likes fishing ... an able spotter at football games ... interested in journalism ... N.H.S. member ... hopes to join Armed Forces.

MILDRED RAJACICH ... General ... "Millie" exploits theory of big surprises coming in small packages ... best friend is Mary Ann ... enjoys English and dancing ... future telephone operator ... dislikes anyone that gossips.

DONALD RAY ... General ... algebra ranks high with Don ... eagerly awaits hunting season ... his quiet, friendly manner has made him many friends ... future will be in the Air Force ... one of our fast track men.

RALPH RAY ... General ... a Cloverhill lad ... loyal member of History Club ... likes to play drums of any size ... has an avid interest in hotrods and spaghetti ... liked by everyone.

BARBARA REIDER ... Secretarial ... vivacious, gay, charming ... "Barb" enjoys the company of her many friends ... won't forget high notes in music classes ... could dance away the coming years ... future plans are traveling.

JOSEPH ROMAN ... College Prep ... our "Wes" is quiet, well mannered, and popular ... an avid Loyalhanna enthusiast ... usually seen with Burp ... capable and industrious Student Council member.

MICHAEL SAGAN ... College Prep ... "Mike" is liked by many ... a classy band player with an eye for the girls ... pizza fan ... player for Bradenville City Cokers ... avid fan of Rin Tin Tin ... jazz enthusiast.

Bill Dunmire, Bill Neal, and Glenn Kepple clean out their lockers.

DEANNA SCEARCE ... Secretarial ... always chattering ... active member of Blue and Gold and Commercial Clubs ... indispensable librarian ... member of the Senior Trio ... usually seen with Barbara and Sidge ... friendly to all.

NANCY SCHRUM ... Clerical ... quiet, refined and conservative ... a warm smile for her friends ... has a special knack for decorating ... fascinated with dancing, skating, and swimming ... future office worker.

FRANCIS SESSI ... General ... "Flashware" is a native of Bradenville ... just can't "dig" English ... Armed Forces will be in his future ... always with Harry Shrum ... likes all sports and food ... flashing smile for everyone.

ROBERT SHAFFER ... General ... quietness and consideration are Bob's trademarks ... belongs to the Snydertown gang ... soon to wear Air Force Blue ... dislikes "wise guys" ... best friend is Gene Cech ... likes everyone.

CAROLYN SHRUM ... Clerical ... one of our happy "Commercialites" ... quite active in the Commercial Club ... her pleasing personality and friendly ways gathers a mass of friends ... active in the Music Club.

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HARRY SHRUM ... General ... "Shabondy" is always with Sessi ... will remember when he brought eggs instead of his lunch to school ... likes pork and sauerkraut ... always talking and smiling ... a very likeable person.

MICHAEL SISAK ... General ... "Mike" ... hobbies are electronics and radio—TV repairing ... great pleasure is derived from playing basketball ... claims future will be in radio repair business ... liked by all.

Maureen Cronin, Louise Opatka, Anthony Sobota and Maurice Borbonus check the good news at report card time.

BERNARD SISTEK ... General ... always at home in Mr. Baumgardner's P.O.D. class ... "Buck" enjoys playing the accordion, swimming, and square dancing ... pals around with Wilbur ... future may be spent in the Navy.

EDMUND SLEZAK ... College Prep ... like most boys, "Ed's" hobbies include hunting and fishing ... thinks swimming and girls are ideal ways to pass time ... blond and tall ...everyone is friendly to him.

KENNETH SMETAK ... General ... a genial lad from Mechesneytown ... "Ken" is interested in chemistry and science ... diesel mechanics is future occupation ... once a Student Council member ... enjoys football and farming.

LAVONNE SMETAK ... Secretarial ... immaculately groomed Vonnie is always with JoAnn ... enjoys ravioli ... the outdoor type ... avid G.A.A. and Commercial Club member ... has a flashing smile and kind word for everyone.

EDWARD SMITH ... General ... "Smitty" resides in Peanut ... frequent associate is Jim Volpe ... enjoys hunting, fishing, and driving ... considers Consumers interesting ... future plans—job in Ohio with the National Tube Company.

JANET SMITH ... General ... "Smitty" is known for her neatness, sweetness, and simplicity ... hails from Bradenville ... active on Blue and Gold subscription staff ... likes music and the McGuire sisters ... French Club member.

JOSEPH SMITH ... General ... the outdoor type ... an outstanding man in all sports but especially in football ... plans to join armed forces ... President of Monogram Club ... liked by everyone ... a dance fan.

ANTHONY SABOTA ... College Prep ... you can usually find "Slim" in Snydertown ... likes math ... will always remember the Forensic Club and debating ... "Bradenville City Cokers" is his favorite basketball team ... President of French Club.

GLORIA SOMPLE ... Secretarial ... as head cheerleader, "Sidge" has pep ... vivacious and charming ... an efficient secretary to Mr. Stump ... any water sport is her favorite ... Vice-president of Tri-Hi-Y ... future private secretary.

KENNETH STARRY ... General ... tall and quiet ... "Dip" and "Mort" are always together ... Mr. Baumgardner and P.O.D. are his favorites ... a basketball and track man ... soon will be wearing Navy blue ... hotrod fan.

GEORGE STEPHENS ... Vocational Agricultural ... enjoys his classes ... "Kingfish" has a friendly smile ... dislikes homework and teachers ... won't be in school around hunting season ... F.F.A. Sentinel ... soon will be wearing Army khaki.

ROBERT STUMP ... College Prep ... "Bob" ... quiet and reserved ... capable President of the N.H.S. ... on the golf range, "Bob" displays talent and keeps the score low ... produces excellent articles from wood ... pleasing disposition and likable personality.

EVELYN SULKOSKY ... General ... "Blondie" ... likes everyone except conceited people ... found that crime doesn't pay in skipping study hall ... member of the Music Club ... plans to be a "number please" girl.

HARRY SWITZER ... College Prep ... "Buzzy" ... good-looking, popular ... operates a miniature lab in the garage roof ... student music director ... played operetta and class play leads ... music will be the keyword in his future.

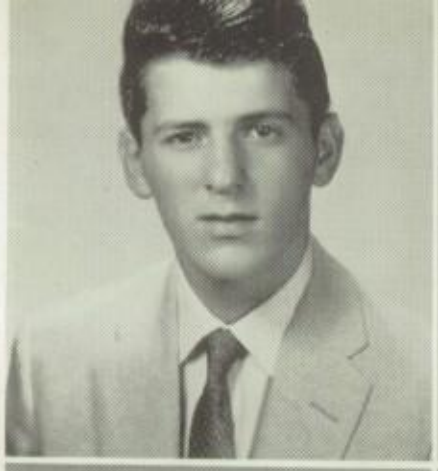
HARRY TARR ... General ... a great bear hunter ... will always remember his sophomore Latin days ... member of the Science Club ... a great farm lad ... usually seen with Ed, Rodger, and Richard.

PHILIP TARR ... General ... "Phil" is an ardent biology student ... dislikes school ... the outdoor type ... claims New Alec as his home ... fond of western music and food ... the quiet type.

MARIAN THOMAS ... General ... "Shortie" is cute and friendly ... enjoys skating with Jackie and Eileen ... favorite subject is bookkeeping ... thinks jazz and pizza are tops ... future is undecided ... special interest is boys.

RICHARD TUTOKI ... General ... a happy-go-lucky guy ... "Tullah's" mischievous smile has won him numerous friends ... physics is his claim to fame ... especially interested in sports and electronics ... hails from Bradenville.

Harry Shrum
Michael Sisak
Bernard Sistek
Edmund Slezak



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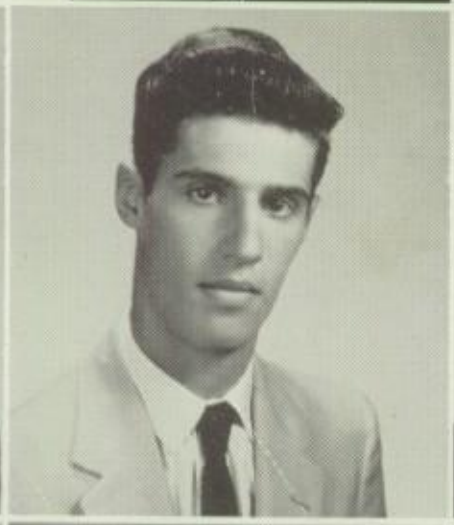

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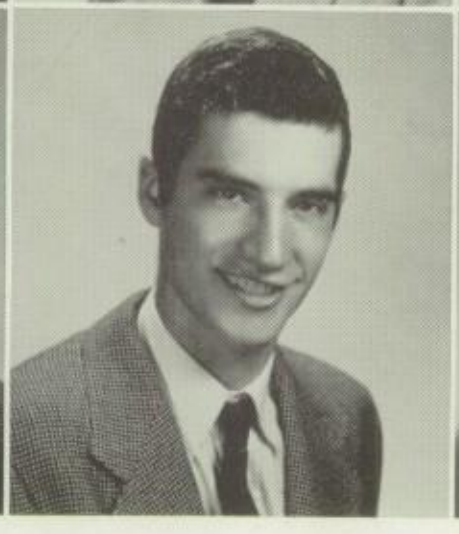
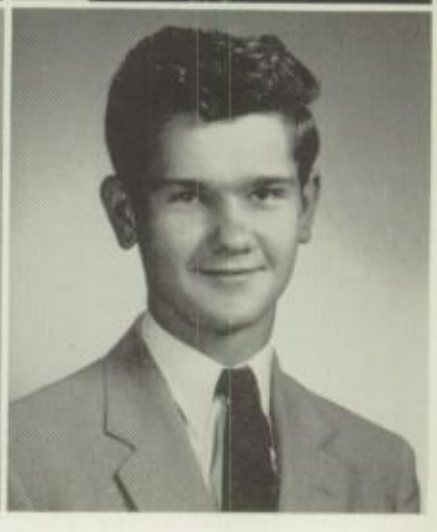




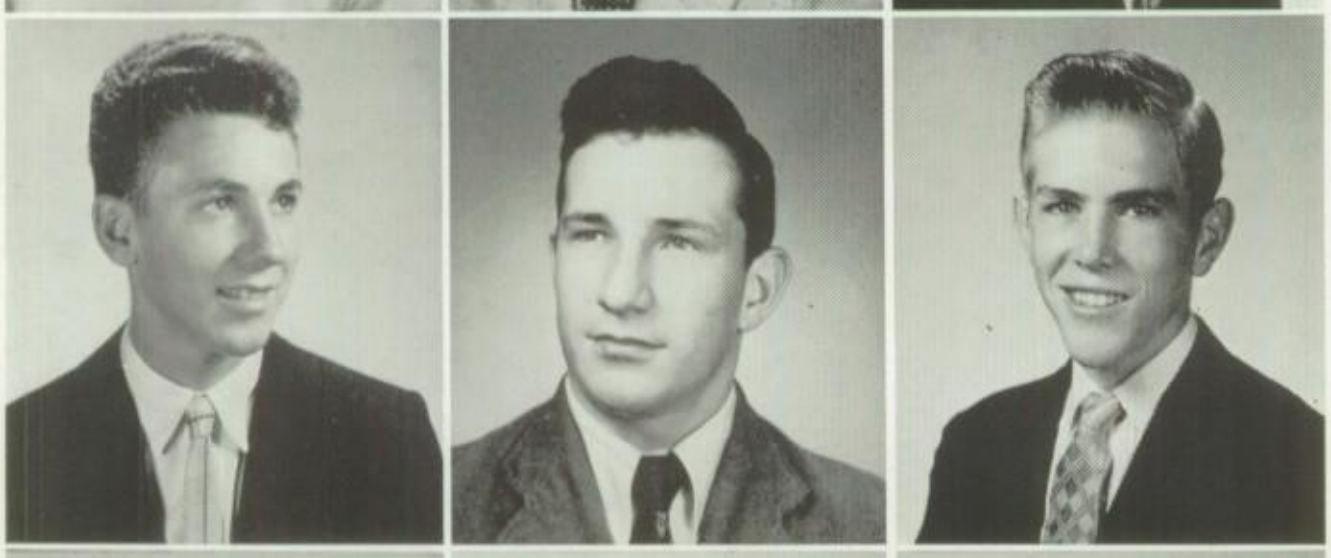
...Seniors? - - - - Can this be so...

...P. O. D. classes - - - - Oh! No!!...

Marlene Valdiserri

Stanley Vallana

James Vargo



Wilbur Watkins

William While

Carl White

Donna Williams

Mamie Williams

Stanford Williams

Patricia Winebrenner

Joan Yanossy

Joseph Yumin

Barbara Zidak

..."Rio Rico".....Marvelous cast...

...Graduation.....Happy days are past...

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MARLENE VALDISERRI ... General ... "Frenchie" delights in annoying teachers ... enjoys typing class ... always chattering and laughing ... pals around with Maureen ... active member of G.A.A. and French Clubs ... likes to swim and hotrod.

STANLEY VALLANA ... General ... "Flattop" hails from New Derry ... likes sales class ... plans to join the Air Force ... quiet manner ... active member of the History Club ... enthusiastic sports fan ... likes to eat.

JAMES VARGO ... General ... hates to get out of bed in the morning ... A Braden City dweller ... an avid sports fan ... "Jim" hopes to be a future sportswriter ... four-year band member.

WILBUR WATKINS ... General ... "Willy" can always be found with "Buck" or the Mechesneytown gang...likes to hunt ... enjoys playing basketball ... helps run the scoreboard ... plans to join the Air Force.

CARL WHITE ... Voc. Ag. ... "Whitie" is one of Mr. Campbell's Ag boys ... spends spare time working on cars ... likes Mother Nature and her wild outdoors ... plans to sail the seas with the Navy.

WILLIAM WHITE ... Secretarial ... an asset to the band is friendly "Bill" from Derry ... can't understand grouchy teachers and conceited girls ... a real card shark ... a future railroad secretary ... member of the Commercial Club.

DONNA WILLIAMS ... Clerical ... quiet, calm, cool is "Don" ... she does her work that way ... hails from Bradenville ... Peg is one of her many friends ... plans include an office position ... Commercial Club officer.

MAMIE WILLIAMS ... General ... "Bummy" ... a happy-go-lucky lass who hails from Brenizer ... finds enjoyment in talking ... will work in a hospital in Ohio ... gets along fine in P.O.D. class ... has many friends.

STANFORD WILLIAMS ... General ... "Chingo" ... is usually with Duane Gamble ... the outdoor type ... wants to join State Police ... unusual in that he doesn't like hotrods ... favorite pastime is girls ... food enthusiast.

PATRICIA WINEBRENNER ... Clerical ... where school is concerned, typing is tops ... enjoys collecting souvenirs ... lists skating and dancing as her main hobbies ... active member of Music Club, Ushers Club, and G.A.A.

JOAN YANOSSY ... Clerical ... one of our Snydertown gals ... "Vivi" enjoys playing the piano ... likable in every respect ... attended county chorus ... ardent member of the G.A.A. and the Music Club.

JOSEPH YUMIN ... General ... mischievous "Joe" can always be seen with Dave and Ed ... never will forget his first gym class ... plans to study music after graduation ... a sports fan.

BARBARA ZIDAK ... General ... "Barb," proud of her home town, Loyalhanna ... likes spaghetti and meatballs ... will be a switchboard operator after graduation ... always talking ... always with the Loyalhanna gang ... a sports fan.

Nancy Anderson and Pete Angeline do some last-minute reading on "Macbeth."

Noontime socializing for Walter Corey and Joanne Andrako.

SENIOR

NANCY HOYLE

Most Popular Girl

JOHN GELSDORF

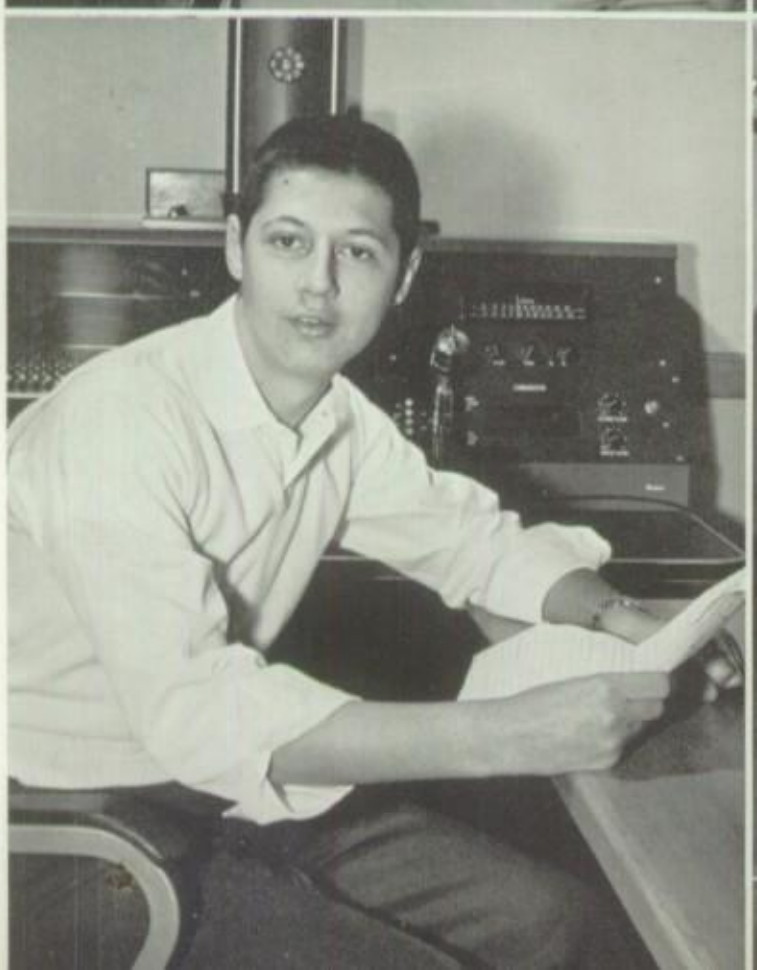
Most Athletic

ED KOZAR

Most Popular Boy

CAROLYN MARKIEWICZ

Leadership



RON RADACOSKY

Scholarship

ANN HOEFER

Service

PERSONALITIES

These outstanding seniors led their classmates . . .

JOHN GELSDORF

Truly our "All American" . . . John finished this year's football season as highest scorer in the Class A section of the W.P.I.A.L. . . . President of Math Club for two consecutive years . . . outstanding track star.

EDWARD KOZAR

Popular "Koz" has set many female hearts a'flutter . . . spent many leisure hours cruising in his blue Ford . . . one of our F.F.A. boys . . . won the admiration of all with his pleasant smile.

ANN HOEFER

Capable co-editor of the Blue and Gold . . . served as student director of the Junior Class Play . . . in Forensics and debate work, Ann was awarded many honors . . . ever industrious.

CAROLYN MARKIEWICZ

Winsome Carolyn is a friend of all . . . intelligent and ambitious . . . active in National Honor Society, Commercial Club, and G.A.A. . . . spent many long hours as chief bookkeeper for the Blue and Gold.

NANCY HOYLE

Charming and pretty Nancy made a hit with all . . . high-kicking majorette . . . busy President of G.A.A. . . . active French Club and Student Council member . . . can always be seen with the Loyalhanna Gang.

RONALD RADACOSKY

Studious Ron was a two-year member of the National Honor Society . . . his name was often found on the distinguished honor roll . . . always co-operative and willing to lend a hand.

Ed Kozar, Ann Hoefer, John Gelsdorf, Nancy Hoyle, Ron Radacosky, Carolyn Markiewicz

CANDIDLY YOURS . . .

Our students

A pep meeting arouses students' emotions. It's morning announcement time for Forensic leaders—Jeanne Duvall, Margie Alfelda, and Willie Pukmel.

Barbara Kindl and the Gay Ninety Girls strike a happy pose in the operetta, "Rio Rico."

What dreamy dance duos at winter semi-formal!

Mary Fabian checks hat sizes in the band room.

Tired feet make sitting a pleasure at the mid-winter formal.

Painted life-size silhouettes added a touch of glamour to the "Sno-Ball."

The G.A.A. initiates are served refreshments at their annual party.

Our stage performers seem to appeal to the Freshmen balcony section.

ctivity—as we see them every day

The stage crew prepares a "set" for the junior class play.

Willie Pukmel accepts the Forensic award for the leading chapter for 1955 in Western Pennsylvania.

Sweet melodies fill the air for our dancing couples.

Pat Winebrenner purchases her basketball ticket from Mr. Baumgardner.

It's time to "sit this one out."

Mr. Cignetto equips our gridiron stars with helmets.

Carolyn Markiewicz prepares the food for the G.A.A. initiation.

Football season means pep meetings.

THE JUNIORS

OFFICERS

Edward Antolik ..... President

Rita Bigi ..... Vice-President

Barbara Kindl ..... Secretary-Treasurer

Ed Antolik, Barbara Kindl

Looking forward to the approaching Senior year.

This year's Junior Class represents a fine group of students abounding with wit and wisdom, and displaying resourcefulness. Their salesmanship helped greatly the Christmas Card sales campaign designed to promote funds for the prom. The class play, "Mother Is A Freshman" brought out the acting talents of Barbara Kindl, Jim Prohaska, Margie Alfelda, Bob Vella, Mary Fabian, Evelyn Burd, and Dick Falenski. Forensics-wise Margie Alfelda, and Sandra Baker carried the Juniors' banner in public-speaking activities. On the sports scene there was a strong representation of third-year gridmen, including standouts "Lefty" Moore, Ed Antolik, and Joe Havrilla. In basketball Richard Falenski proved valuable to the varsity squad. Also on the basketball court were Sam Bisi, Dick Burik, Armand Razza, and Richard Nair. In the spring the long awaited event—the prom—meant many long hours of hard work for our Juniors, but the results proved to be well worth while.

HOME ROOM 6

Row 1—F. Kubistek, B. Wirdzek, J. Soufl, J. Gretak, M. Alfelda, E. Burd, R. Watkins, P. Bradley. **Row 2**—A. Schilling, C. Andre, A. Horwat, B. Kindl, H. Blockovich, E. Kozenko, A. Weiss, J. Bergman, R. Gray. **Row 3**—D. Moyer, E. Rebtoy, G. Clawson, R. Gelsdorf, D. Burik, D. Krinock, J. Repko, J. Yockey, Mr. Calabrese. **Row 4**—E. Bisi, R. Vella, F. Graham, J. Kepple, J. Horrell, J. Bercel, H. Wyke, R. Diven, R. Falenski, J. Healy.

HOME ROOM 7

Row 1—R. Bigi, R. Sheffler, M. James, P. Gennaro, B. Jellison, F. Monteparte, M. Relick, V. Kubistek. **Row 2**—E. Riffle, B. Mickey, N. White, I. Williams, P. Sheffler, J. Sprock, P. Zemba, M. Phillips, S. Springer. **Row 3**—L. Mewherter, J. Wallace, B. Frenchik, A. Primozich, J. Zubaty, S. Baker, G. Kellerman, D. Mickey, J. Taylor. **Row 4**—F. Slezak, R. Sabota, J. Prohaska, J. Bravis, J. Havrilla, W. Ruffner, T. Greenwalt, G. Weisner, Mr. Baran.

Ann Schilling and Jack Kepple inspect junior class rings.

Dismissal bell is a happy moment for Dick Falenski, Judy Bergman, and Sandra Baker.

Larry Wilson is amused that "chivalry" is still going strong.

Janet Gretok proves to Barbara Kindl and Anita Horwat that she can drive.

ow 1—P. Catanzarite, M. A. Philppi, E. Fiorini, N. Cochran, A. Krilock, N. Cunningham, D. Marco, E. elly. **Row 2**—B. A. Snowball, R. Sio, S. Davis, M. A. Slaninko, J. Skwaa, N. Mitchell, G. Patterson, C. Chisolm, L. Wilford. **Row 3**—B. Knott, . Nicholson, B. Brinker, R. Neal, D. udson, S. Henigin, R. Civitarese, P. tickle, Mrs. Miller. **Row 4**—A. Smen, . Decker, H. Keffer, A. Razza, H. cClelland, K. Stephens, R. Kells, L. ulkosky. **Row 5**—D. Henigin, R. Hill, . Zidak, W. Culp.

ow 1—P. Blankenbeuhler, M. Flowrs, K. Griffith, J. Hudak, E. Myers, D. cCurdy, A. Antolik, P. Ament. **Row** —R. Perna, F. Cackowski, W. Flickinr, S. Allison, M. Fabian, P. Smith, . Boring, T. Myers, M. Mehalic. **Row** —N. Moore, E. Antolik, A. Short, P. olinsky, W. Hoyle, J. Richards, B. avrilla, D. Pristas. **Row 4**—J. Smith, Patrick, J. Barclay, L. Beck, L. Wilon, A. Asbee, M. Williams, Mr. Conti. ow 5—R. Burik, R. Henry, R. Nair, Voytek, R. Oleyar.

Margo Kondrich photographs her male friends, Ron Pynos and Franklin Torochio.

Nancy Moritz and Charles Demangone take a hand-in-hand stroll.

Judy Watkins and Wayne Gorr relax at the snack shop.

Lillian Baran explains the assignment to Beverly Nicol and Pete Gasdek.

ROOM 13

Row 1—L. DiCenzo, B. Davis, C. Kelly, P. Cohen, S. McClelland, F. Heasley, R. Petrarca, A. Mikolay. **Row 2**—N. Krinock, E. Watkins, B. Carpenter, J. Cinibulk, L. Joe, R. Ankney, P. Gasdek, W. Ankney, H. Kozemchak. **Row 3**—J. Falenski, R. Pynos, T. Wiatrak, F. Hill, J. Stahovec, D. Bravis, J. Bates, Mr. Urch.

ROOM 16

Row 1—F. Falat, C. Frichtel, E. Krinock, J. Horner, V. Wellek, D. Plato, R. Gozdick, J. Trenney. **Row 2**—D. Weppelman, J. Stevenson, N. Moritz, S. Terlecki, B. Leary, M. Sopko, J. Massimino, P. Darulla, H. Kovach, R. Hodgson. **Row 3**—E. Smetak, J. Hall, M. Kondrich, K. Deglau, J. Cobes, M. Lukon, E. Corpenteo, A. Mataldi, F. Torockio. **Row 4**—P. Smetak, J. Lechman, G. Bollinger, E. Smetak, G. Petrosky, J. Polumbo, R. Kerr, M. Patterson, R. Palmer. **Row 5**—Mr. Cignetto, T. Deglau, A. Taylor, J. Winebrenner, R. Sobota, B. Winebrenner.

THE SOPHOMORES

OFFICERS

Richard Sobota ..... President

Charles Smith ..... Vice-President

Jeanne Duvall ..... Secretary-Treasurer

Showed talent in all school activities . . .

From timid, shy Freshmen to talented, outstanding students in one short year—that's the story of our Sophomore Class. Led by their capable officers Dick Sobota, Charles Smith, and Jeanne Duvall, this class was active in all student activities. It's not surprising that they are so peppy with Nancy Moritz and Coleen Frichtel leading the cheers. In both basketball and football these Sophomores show great potentialities. With Palumbo, Muir, A. Taylor, Lechman, Resides, Piantine, Waldron, and Petrosky in the football games, and Krinock, Wiatrak, Gozdik, Tua, Lechman, Polinsky, and Geter on the basketball court, these students showed a wonderful fighting spirit.

ROOM 15

w 1—E. Brant, A. Malone, S. Plummer, McCurdy, G. Gilbert, L. Margey, A. ay, A. McClelland. **Row 2**—B. Kerr, S. ander, M. Hartshorn, L. Hafer, A. Schell-rn, A. McChesney, F. Fumea, R. Losier, Rugh. **Row 3**—J. Duvall, R. Spehar, C. lliams, M. Baumgardner, W. Lipinski, Rice, J. Sheridan, J. Lechman, B. Nicol. **w 4**—E. Chemski, R. Burd, W. Meloy, J. drostic, J. Krinock, R. Steeves, C. Weiss, Kuhns. **Row 5**—W. Gipson, H. Custer, Waldron, V. Elliott, Miss Love.

ROOM 17

w 1—J. Watkins, S. Bosco, B. Roble, L. tt, V. Stickle, J. McCreery, L. Baran, D. wart. **Row 2**—M. Terlecki, P. Gerhart, Krinock, L. Cinibulk, L. Oravec, J. Tor-vacca, A. Piantine, B. McCoy, E. Moore, Latimer. **Row 3**—C. Smith, J. Betts, A. itko, K. Schrum, L. Himler, A. Mazzei, Liedtke, R. Smetak, S. Stoner, J. King. **v 4**—C. Smith, C. Scearce, L. Sauers, B. sler, W. Muir, K. Tua, A. Dutrow, Miss ith. **Row 5**—R. Krizan, C. Demangone, Harvey, W. Slezak.

ROOM 18

v 1—R. Chappell, S. Mrozinski, E. all, M. Martin, J. McDowel, P. Foster, Shean, S. Campbell. **Row 2**—J. Kan-P. Beatrice, G. Gennaro, S. Miller, J. ides, M. Clawson, J. Urdzik, G. Palmer, Polinsky. **Row 3**—Mr. Caputo, C. Hen-son, D. Newhouse, W. Burik, T. Burd, Landa, C. Grejtak, P. Newhouse, P. onnell. **Row 4**—G. Thiel, C. Jellison, Geter.

THE FRESHMEN

OFFICERS

Donald Smith ..... President

Charles Kindl ..... Vice-President

Nancy Reeping ..... Secretary-Treasurer

A new building and new classes . . . . interesting year

The Freshmen have successfully crossed the first hurdle of their high school career. Paula Naylon, Gregg Duvall, and Sally Payne were active members of the Forensics Club. The future stars of our operettas are Cathy Cobes, Walter Gasdek, and Joan McCurdy.

During football season our peppy cheerleaders, Carol Street, and Jane Schilling, cheered their future football stars, Crawford Williams, John Wilson, Matt Goodlin and Joe Rajacich, on to victory. Gerry Smetak and Doris Reed joined the ranks of our dancing majorettes to make the halftime performances more delightful and entertaining.

HOME ROOM 1

Row 1—C. Kindl, P. Wano, R. Himler, Elliott, R. Gruska, C. Weiss, F. Richa D. Reed. **Row 2**—J. Dunn, N. Smoker Pynos, P. Piantine, R. Liberoni, N. Be simo, P. Datsko, A. Bollinger, F. McCal C. Cobes. **Row 3**—R. Burns, J. Shine, Sessi, A. Mucci R. Sheets, V. Angus, Bunco, J. Drobneck, J. Hudson. **Row** W. Kintz, H. Freeman, S. Ulishney, J. follo, R. Angelo, P. Frenchik, C. Sistek Howell, G. Smetak. **Row 5**—J. Falbo Lena, L. Ankney, R. Pyrock, D. Fatora Fersak, R. Patty, Miss Hallam.

HOME ROOM 2

Row 1—J. McCurdy, J. Balik, G. Risin B. Greenawalt, B. Franchok, H. Mascia DeBacca, P. DiCinzo. **Row 2**—B. Hol der, P. Loughner, C. Kuchta, M. Rush Powers, A. Helenic, J. Johns, J. Baker Shilling. **Row 3**—M. Mucci, P. Naylon Misiak, E. Hill, R. Harris, J. Kovalish, Wilburn, B. Squib, M. Krinock, B. Bun **Row 4**—J. Wallbaum, G. Pebroskey, Clawson, D. Miller, D. Lucas, H. Kunz Kuba, A. Duvall. **Row 5**—M. Goodlin Dunlap, V. Cermak, W. Quinn, A. Bale L. Weimer, R. McCallen, R. Lohr, Struble.

HOME ROOM 3

Row 1—C. Street, A. Kubistek, D. Rom P. Durasky, J. Bercel, A. Liberoni, J. Re G. Hill. **Row 2**—D. Salsgiver, S. Krin B. Lawerence, B. Peltz, J. Barbonus, Havrilla, F. White, A. Wil P. Searce, M. George. **Row 3**—G. Jelli H. Hanan, F. Marts, H. Batsa, G. Krel V. Volpe, L. Jennings, S. Kelly, N. Reep **Row 4**—W. Henigin, J. Depree, V. Diz L. Knurowski, R. Kahl, R. Moritz, A. J. Sabo. **Row 5**—J. Krinock, B. Ray Reed, J. Monteparte, B. Smith, A. Nov C. McIntire, Mr. Festa.

Trying to make the morning tardy bell are Amil Balega, Gerri Smetak, and Bob Shaffer.

Perusing the yearbook is fun for Carol Street, Janet Sistek, and Barry Ray.

Jane Schilling chats with freshman classmate, Albert Fiorina.

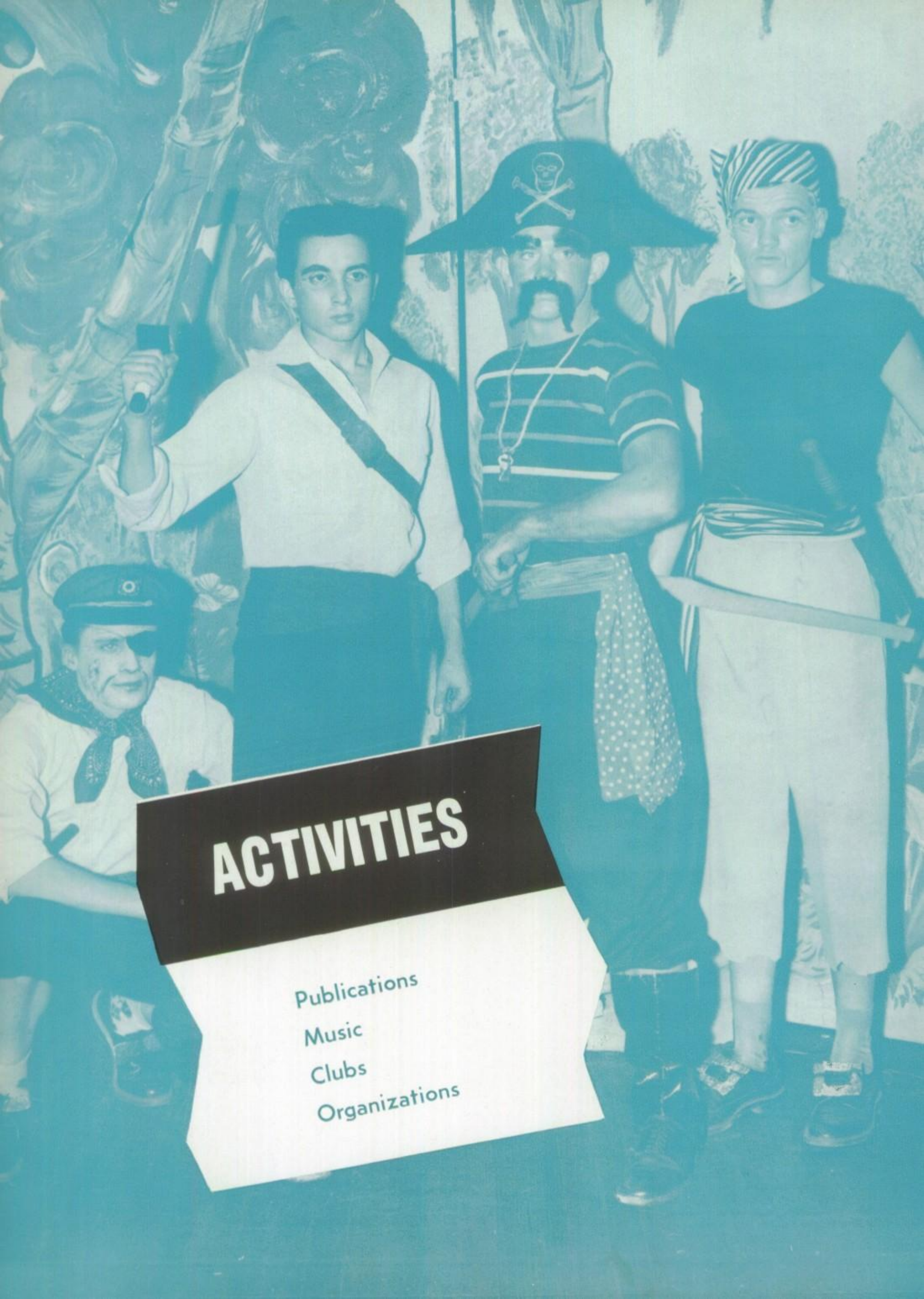
John Depree, Sally Payne, and Wilbur Henigin join in idle conversation.

ROOM 5

Row 1—P. Burik, G. Zidak, J. Otto, R. Dunlap, J. Deglau, G. Angus, S. Steeves, P. Gozdick. **Row 2**—S. Madatic, D. Ziruolo, S. Payne, G. Gerhard, W. Gasdek, B. Ellenberger, S. Wirdzek, P. Gulas, N. Dellavechio, B. Brant. **Row 3**—P. Beuten, D. Compton, B. Himler, F. Palek, R. Luttow, C. Noel, W. Ray, J. Kozar, M. Reott, L. Watkins. **Row 4**—B. Endress, S. Pialosky, L. Genaro, R. Marcinik, J. Mania, M. Ray, C. Moore, H. Cummings, A. Fiorini. **Row 5**—J. Fiorina, J. Bonn, D. Jones, G. Leonard, G. McMahen, B. Baum, F. Himic, J. Rajacich.

ROOM 14

Row 1—D. McCurdy, B. Myers, M. Siak, M. Malnofski, T. Gretok, M. Lloyd, . Tarr, R. Pedrozzoli. **Row 2**—D. mith, R. Marts, J. Sistek, B. Schall, B. haffer, J. Flickinger, L. McElheney, A. essler, Z. Rajacich. **Row 3**—C. Williams, M. Kelly, J. Wilson, J. Mehalic, . Barclay, C. McNaughton, S. Smen, Miss Stathis.


ACTIVITIES
Publications
Music
Clubs
Organizations

Leisurely getting acquainted at the refreshment stand, in the home room, and at the coffee shop

Ann Hoefer, Shirley Dascenzo—Co-editors

BLUE and GOLD

Writers, artists, and photographers create an appealing annual

Mr. Fiorina—Business Manager

Mr. Calabrese—Editorial Advisor

Deanna Searce, Joyce Levrio, Carolyn Markiewicz, Janet McKee—Student Business Managers

Shirley Dascenzo and Ann Hoefer, co-editors, started the year writing, and revising the Senior section. Soon after, pictures were planned, faculty writeups finished, dummy pages copied, and completed pages sent to the printer. Indispensable members of the staff were Jack Repko, Joe Roman, Ann Schilling, Gloria Somple, Alice Gelston, Harry Switzer.

Jerry Bechak, Nancy Hoyle, Ron Radacosky, Jack Repko, Ann Schilling

Janet Koway, Joyce Levrio, Gloria Somple, Harry Switzer

Judy Gozdik, Bob Mumau, Jim Boyer, Bernie Wirdzek

Kathi Bisi, Barbara Reider, Alice Gelston, Sandra Baker, Joe Roman

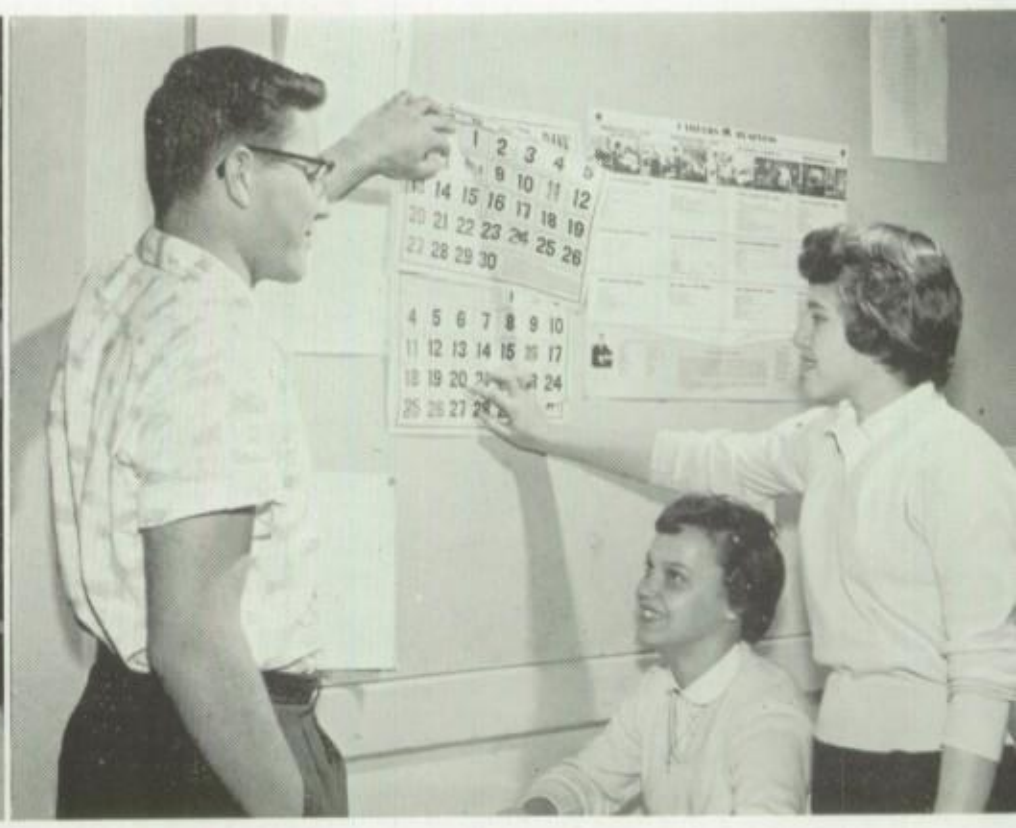
Joyce Bundy, Frances Gasdek, Walter Corey, Joyce Soufl

Bob Mumau, Barbara Reider, Marilyn Kinsey, Janet Koway, Walter Corey, Bernie Wirdzek, Joyce Bundy, Kathi Bisi, Frances Gasdek, and Jerry Bechak. Mr. Calabrese, faculty editorial advisor, contributed hard work, ideas, and patience; the result, a fine product.

Capable Mr. Fiorina headed the financial section of the book. His efficient staff was topped by Carolyn Markiewicz, Janet McKee, Deanna Scearce, and Joyce Levrio.

The Blue & Gold Room, at its peak, presented a picture of discarded dummy pages, several rulers, broken pencils, old yearbooks, soiled pictures, and many empty folders and cluttered desk drawers. From this workshop we have drawn the 1956 Blue & Gold.

- Alice Gelston, Louise Opatka, Caryl Geary, Thomas Barberich.
- John Bravis, Mary Mehalic, Anita Horwat.



History Club

The History Club, one of the largest organizations in our school, was separated into two factions during the past year because of its size. Club "A", composed of the junior and senior members, was wisely governed by President, Alice Gelston; Vice president, Caryl Geary; Secretary, Louise Opatka; and Treasurer, Tom Barberich. The second group called Club "B" included the sophomore and freshman members. They chose for their officers President, Deanna Plato; Vice president, Jane Schilling; Secretary, Brenda Kerr; and Treasurer, Paula Naylon. The "A" group, headed by Mr. Pilato, and the "B" group, under Mr. Baran, held separate meetings but otherwise acted as a single club.

In the fall the members journeyed to Pittsburgh where they viewed a sky show and an exhibit of prcjects of historical value. Spring found the historians off again on another journey to local points of historical interest.

Of course, the big event of the year fcr History Club members is their long trip which was taken over a weekend at the climax of the school year. A lot cf time and planning by the committee members, officers, and advisors goes into the preparation of these tours, but the results are certainly worthwhile. The club engages in many activities in the school calendar by sponsoring dances and parties and also indulges in worthwhile projects to better our schocl. This past year the History Club again began the printing of a school newspaper after a lapse of a year. Called the "Der Tow," the publication proved to be popular with our students in addition to giving the staff valuable experience. The History Club members are constantly striving to keep their groups among the leaders in extra curricular activities at Derry Area Joint "A" High School.

A profitable way to spend leisure hours

HISTORY CLUB

Row 1—R. Himler, M. A. Phillippi, J. Hudak, J. Cronin, B. Franchok, F. White, A. Bollinger, A. Gelston. **Row 2**—W. Gasdek, E. Burd, J. Sprock, D. Reed, E. Kozenko, R. M. Liberoni, J. Baker, A. Wilson, D. Gibson, S. Springer, E. Kelley. **Row 3**—C. Smith, G. Clawson, P. McCurdy, J. Mania, R. Gray, P. Piantine, V. Volpe, N. Bellisimo, P. Butan, L. Wilson. **Row 4**—A. Forini, J. Bercel, J. Prohaska, L. Beck, J. Horrell, J. Repko, R. Nair, R. Falenski, W. Watkins. **Row 5**—R. Sabota, R. Kerr, T. Deglau, A. Razza, R. Daw, R. Stump, D. Mickey, T. Wiatrak, J. Healey, R. McChesney, R. Ray, T. Pavlik, L. Burd, T. Barberich.

HISTORY CLUB

Row 1—P. Piantine, A. Schilling, M. Kondrich, J. Hall, N. Krinock, B. Squib, P. Datsko, F. Marts. **Row 2**—M. Muchi, G. Smetak, L. McClelland, B. Kerr, S. Payne, P. Naylon, J. Bergman, D. McGuire, M. Bunci, J. Drobneck. **Row 3**—R. Angelo, C. Geary, J. Duvall, N. Mitchell, B. Brinker, C. Wilburn, J. Goodlin, G. Cummings, M. A. Marcinik. **Row 4**—C. Angus, B. Brant, J. Sabo, B. Moritz, T. Misiak, K. Sistek, D. Moyer, A. Burd. **Row 5**—P. DiCenzo, J. Yockey, G. Duvall, B. Lohr, D. Burik, C. Noel, M. E. Henry, G. Malarik, M. Valdiserri. **Row 6**—B. Smith, B. Vella, F. Slezak, J. Kepple, T. Fersak, B. Ray, R. Diven, A. Balega.

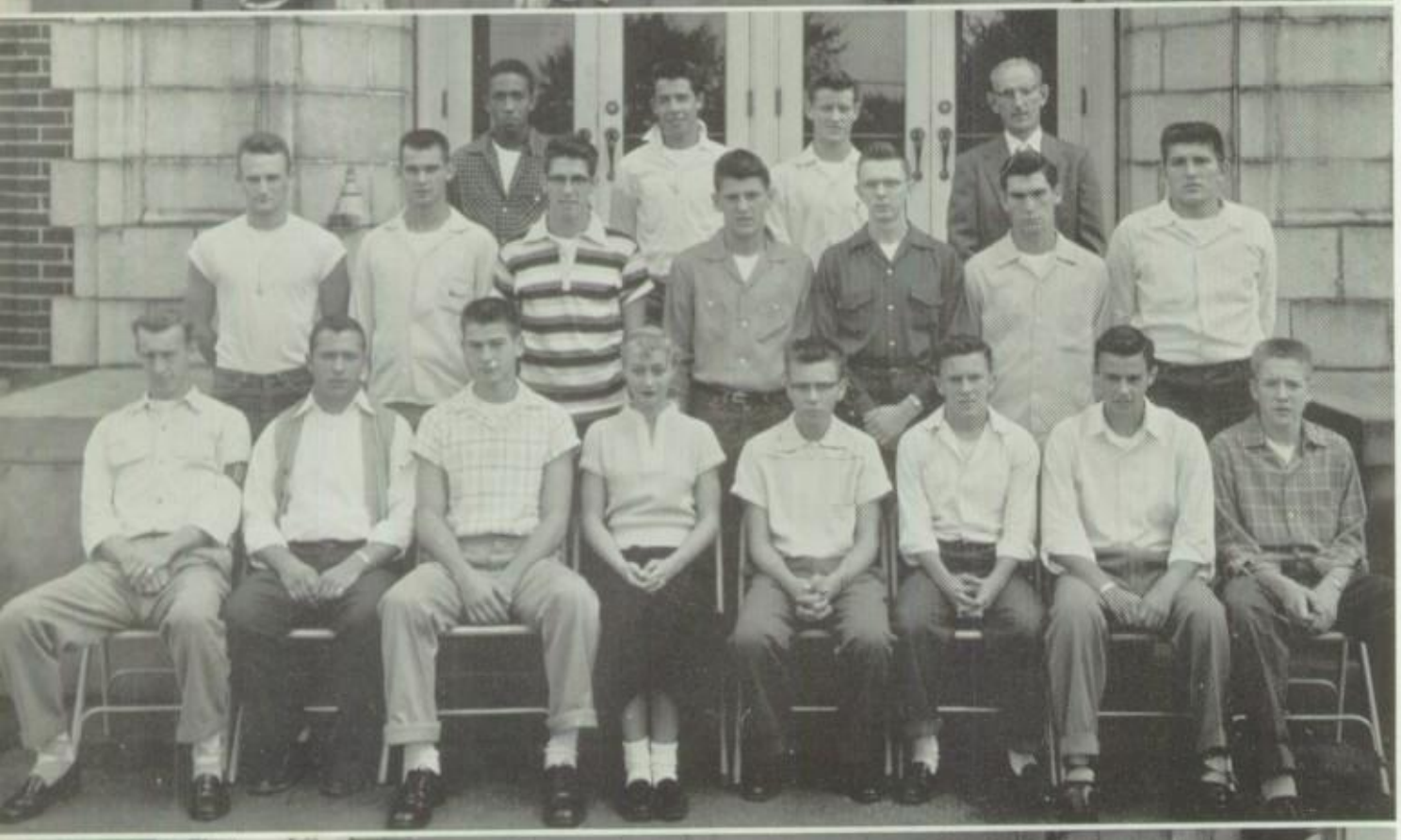
TRAFFIC PATROL

Row 1—W. Hoyle, E. Myers, L. Wilford, C. Weiss, J. Richards. **Row 2**—G. Thiel, R. McChesney, C. Demangone, L. Leonard, R. Fatora, Mr. Struble.

Progress in becoming responsible citizens

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Row 1—S. Dascenzo, J. Bundy, C. Markiewicz. **Row 2**—L. Burd, T. Pavlik, Mrs. Kist, R. Stump, R. Radacosky.



MONOGRAM

Row 1—T. Pavlik, L. Burd, W. Corey, G. Somple, B. Kubistek, W. Pukmel, J. Horrell, D. Falenski. **Row 2**—N. Moore, E. Antolik, J. Gelsdorf, F. Sessi, J. Yumin, J. Smith, T. Barberich. **Row 3**—A. Taylor, E. Cech, P. Lepley, Mr. Conti.

LATIN CLUB

Row 1—R. M. Liberoni, J. Schilling, D. Roman, P. Scearce, W. Gasdek, J. Deglau, D. Reed, J. Relick. **Row 2**—J. McCurdy, A. Liberoni, G. Jellison, N. Ballissimo, J. Sabo, J. Kovalish, R. Moritz, B. McCoy, S. Wirdzek, C. Cobes, K. Sistek, F. Marts. **Row 3**—A. DeBacco, R. Dunlap, M. L. Latimer, M. Rush, J. Cobes, M. A. Martin, A. Weiss, G. McMahen, L. Weimer, G. Smetak. **Row 4**—H. Cummings, E. Moore, P. Naylon, P. O'Donnell, M. Clawson, J. Otto, C. Noel, G. Duvall, R. Kerr. **Row 5**—A. McChesney, V. Volpe, R. Sheets, P. Burik, G. Watkins, J. Johns, M. Krinock, A. Malone, T. Fersak, J. Palumbo. **Row 6**—L. Falenski, A. Payne, R. Lena, G. Thiel, R. Sobota, T. Deglau, V. Cermak, J. Depree, Mr. Caputo.

CLUBS . . .

Terry Deglau, Gregg Duvall, Ray Kerr

John Gelsdorf, Gloria Sompie, Joe Smith

Lawrence Burd, Joyce Bundy, Robert Stump, Shirley Dascenzo

Latin Club

Ably sponsored by Mr. Caputo, the Latin Club has proven in the past to be one of the most active organizations in the school. Banquets are the club's favorite pastime, and the members fully enjoy these outings. Initiation time brings exciting events. The new members must come to school attired in costumes of ancient Rome. This often proves to be a trying task. Some of the Latin projects that adorn our library tables every year are very unique. All of these activities attribute to the delight of these "Julius Caesar" fans. Due to their enjoyable activities, the Latin Club is tops.

Monogram Club

Purchasing jackets for the senior members of the athletic group is the main objective of this club. Those who have merited two letters in football, basketball, or track qualify for membership. Senior cheerleaders are included and are entitled to a jacket also. Funds are raised by holding dances, skating parties, and the annual varsity-faculty basketball game. Also, a small profit is realized from the sale of photographs taken of couples attending the Winter and Spring formals.

National Honor Society

Obtaining membership to the National Honor Society is a goal for which every ambitious high school student, seeking scholastic achievement and recognition, strives. Qualifications considered for membership includes outstanding traits of leadership, scholarship, service, and character. This year, under the capable guidance of Mrs. Kist, the society has appointed Robert Stump as president, Lawrence Burd as vice president, Joyce Bundy as secretary, and Shirley Dascenzo as treasurer. An annual project of the society arises near Easter vacation when they engage in selling candy. New members are initiated during their annual solemn ceremony which takes place in the spring.

Richard Falenski, Gwen Howard, John Gelsdorf

Barbara Frenchik, Judy Gozdick, James Latimer

Joanne Hudak, Mary Ann Phillippi, Antoinette Antolik

CLUBS . . .

Math Club

The purpose of the Math Club, under the able direction cf Miss Love, is to train the math loving students of our school not only to understand math, but to think logically about the problems of life. The students chose as their officers, John Gelsdorf as president, Richard Falenski as vice-president, and Gwen Howard as secretary-treasurer. Though a relatively new club, they have become very active in the past year. During several monthly meetings guest lecturers spoke on "mathematics in industry." The club is well known for its interesting and varied programs. They have high hopes for more activities in the future.

Music Club

The Music Club, under the guidance of Mrs. Markle and Mr. Calvo, provides membership to all students active in any musical organization. This year James Latimer was elected as President, Joan Yanossy as Vice-President, and Barbara Frenchik as Secretary-Treasurer. This active club has sponsored the annual operetta, the Christmas program, the Spring Band and Choral Concerts, and the memorable tour of New York City in the spring. The main feature of the tour was viewing of the fabulous production, "Oklahoma." The club attended the annual "Swing Out" at Indiana State Teachers College.

Ushers Club

"We have a seat in the third row center, sir." If you have attended any of our plays, operettas, concerts, or other assemblies, you probably have recognized the accommodation girl —dressed in a blue jumper, a crisp white blouse, and a tiny hat—as one of our Ushers Club members.

Mrs. Kist serves as their able advisor. Antoinette Antolik leads as president, Joanne Hudak as vice-president, and Mary Ann Phillipi, as secretary-treasurer.

During the year the club holds various social functions and uses the proceeds for equipment to improve the school.

Social gatherings balance classroom study

USHERS CLUB

ow 1—P. Blankenbeuhler, P. Catanzarite, . Hudak, A. Antolik, M. Ament, A. Horvat, R. Bigi, M. A. Phillippi. **Row 2**—M. . Flowers, N. Cunningham, N. Cochran, M. Relick, E. Fiorini, J. Sprock, C. Chisolm, . Griffith. **Row 3**—P. Zemba, E. Kelley, . Gennaro, M. James, D. Marco, P. Shefler, A. Krinock, T. Myers, B. Havrilla ow 4—A. Primozich, S. Springer, M. G. oring, N. Mitchell, M. A. Phillips, G. Patterson, P. Smith, M. Mehalic. **Row 5**—D. Moyer, E. Nicholson, A. Asbee, B. Snowall, B. Knott, R. Siko, Mrs. Kist.

MUSIC CLUB

ow 1—M. Mehalic, J. Schilling, G. Smeak, M. Fabian, C. Shrum, P. Winebrenner, . Kindl, C. Andre. **Row 2**—S. Dascenzo, . Kerr, B. Frenchik, E. Riffle, E. Nicholson, . Ressler, F. Gasdek, J. Kantor. **Row 3**— Falenski, J. Yanossy, J. Latimer, H. Switer, N. Reeping, J. Gozdick. **Row 4**—Mr. alvo, J. Boyer, C. Demangone, T. Deglau, rs. Markle.

MATH CLUB

ow 1—P. Blankenbeuhler, M. Relick, A. chilling, R. Bigi, B. Kindl, C. Andre, E. urd, A. Gelston. **Row 2**—J. Hudak, M. . Mehalic, A. Burd, G. Howard, D. Moyr, D. Pristas, B. Mickey, J. Skwara. **Row** —S. Allison, J. Fisk, G. Kellerman, J. oytek, F. Baum, J. Repko, J. Roman, S. erla. **Row 4**—R. Vella, D. Krinock, D. cCurdy, R. McChesney, R. Fatora, J. ockey, H. McClelland, R. Gray, E. M. ove. **Row 5**—W. Mikolay, J. Massimino, . Corey, J. Gelsdorf, W. Culp, L. Leonrd, J. Healy, R. Falenski.

Group thinking develops better personalities

F. F. A.

Row 1—D. McCurdy, D. Dalsgener, G Weiss, J. Bercel, F. Kubistek, E. Myers, G Gerhart, E. Carpenter. **Row 2**—B. Ho linader, F. Cackowski, P. McCurdy, W Kintz, J. Yoskey, D. Newhouse, R. Ankney G. Clawson, W. Ray, P. Newhouse. **Row 3**—B. Ressler, W. Meloy, C. McIntire, G Stephens, R. Palmer, G. Bollinger, R. Daw D. Miller, R. Kahl. **Row 4**—J. Androsti J. Bercel, R. Krizan, W. Kuhns, C. White G. Petrosky, E. Kozar. **Row 5**—Mr. Camp bell, L. Mewherter, D. Henigin, E. Harri W. Gipson, B. Baum.

TRI-HI-Y

Row 1—S. Turlecki, J. Trenney, J. Hunte D. Gipson, C. Moore, L. Carns, E. Kah M. A. Osinkoski. **Row 2**—A. Schilling, G Andre, S. McClelland, F. Heasley, M. Ma cinik, A. Hoefer, F. Frenchik, A. M. Hum phreys, P. Gerhart. **Row 3**—J. Bergma K. Deglau, M. Clawson, C. Williams, A McChesney, J. Zubaty, A. Primozich, D Pristas, B. Mickey. **Row 4**—E. Rebtoy, S Baker, B. Brinker, J. King, B. Nicol, M Mehalic, J. Rugh, Miss Kasperik.

TRI-HI-Y

Row 1—P. Blankenbehler, L. Dicenzo, Horner, V. Wellek, B. Leary, V. Stickle, Hudak, J. Soufl. **Row 2**—M. Turlecki, Mascia, B. McCoy, S. Plummer, C. Kelly D. Plato, R. Bige, E. Burd, J. Gretok. **Row 3**—G. Somple, J. Levrio, J. Cobes, P. Da ulla, E. Moore, J. Stevenson, J. Massimin S. Stoner, R. Chappell. **Row 4**—J. King S. Bosco, T. Myers, D. Williams, P. Brad ley, A. Horwat, B. Kindl, J. Wallace. **Row 5**—N. Kridler, P. Zemba, L. Himler, Petrarca, E. Fiorini J. Watkins, K. Schrun A. Weiss, M. Flowers.

Philip McCurdy, John Yockey, George Stephens, Dale McCurdy, Robert Daw, Leroy Mewherter

Eileen Marcinik, Gloria Somple, Joyce Levrio. Donna Williams

CLUBS . . .

F. F. A.

"Learning to do, doing to learn, learning to live, living to serve" is the motto of the Future Farmers of America. The F. F. A. is a national organization for farm boys studying Vocational Agriculture in high school. Each year the F. F. A. holds a father and son banquet. Along with many other activities, they have F. F. A. judging contests where the members show their ability in judging livestock, crops, and soil. In December of 1955, the F. F. A. performed a thirty minute demonstration on television station WQED on the breeding, feeding, and management of dairy cattle. Each month a meeting is held and run according to parliamentary procedure.

Tri-Hi-Y

This worthy organization, under the able supervision of Miss Kasperik, consists of 73 members—sophomore, junior, and senior girls—who have more than shown their usefulness to their "school, church, and home." Their major project was the purchasing of soap dispensers which have been desired facilities of the past. Besides actively sponsoring dances, Christmas found these girls of Christian-like character busy making scrap books and favors which would be filled with candy for district hospitals. They proudly claim Eileen Marcinik as president, Gloria Somple as vice-president, Donna Williams as secretary, and Joyce Levrio as treasurer. This charitable club makes contributions to many needy organizations. They can certainly be assured that they have upheld to the best of their ability their esteemed motto, which is, "to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian Character."

ORGANIZATIONS

COMMERCIAL CLUB

Row 1—J. Gretok, J. Bundy, L. Smetak, S. Panizzi, M. Fabian, A. Adams, J. Hudak, J. Koway. **Row 2**—A. Horwat, J. McKee, E. Riffle, B. Frenchik, P. Bradley, M. Alfelda, J. Gozdick, K. Griffith, M. Ament, C. Markiewicz, A. Antolik. **Row 3**—S. Dascenzo, M. Kinsey, V. Hill, J. Hunter, C. Shrum, L. Carns, C. Moore, B. Reider, E. Filicko. **Row 4**—D. Williams, E. Kahl, S. Leary, G. Somple, J. Levrio, M. James, P. Gennaro, G. Patterson. **Row 5**—M. Falat, P. Winebrenner, F. Monteparte, M. Boring, J. Wallace, N. Mitchell, J. Skwara, M. Osinkoski, J. Kellerman, M. Phillips, P. Smith, M. Mehalic, Miss Hallam. **Row 6**—M. Borbonus, L. Himler, L. Reptoy, J. Zubaty, A. Primozich, L. Opatka, E. Barnhart, E. Nicholson.

Donna Williams, Eileen Filicko, Evelyn Barnhart

Commercial Club

The Commercial Club will long be remembered fcr its joyous activities. Expenses were defrayed by holding skating parties, dances, and bake sales. Initiation time is always anticipated by old and new members alike. All will remember the hilarious skating party chaperoned by Miss Hallam, the club's capable advisor. Every member participated in special projects; such as, after-game dances and Saturday bake sales and several bowling parties. Orderly meetings were conducted by the President, and reports were given by the Secretary-Treasurer. The club holds a high status among the organizations of the school.

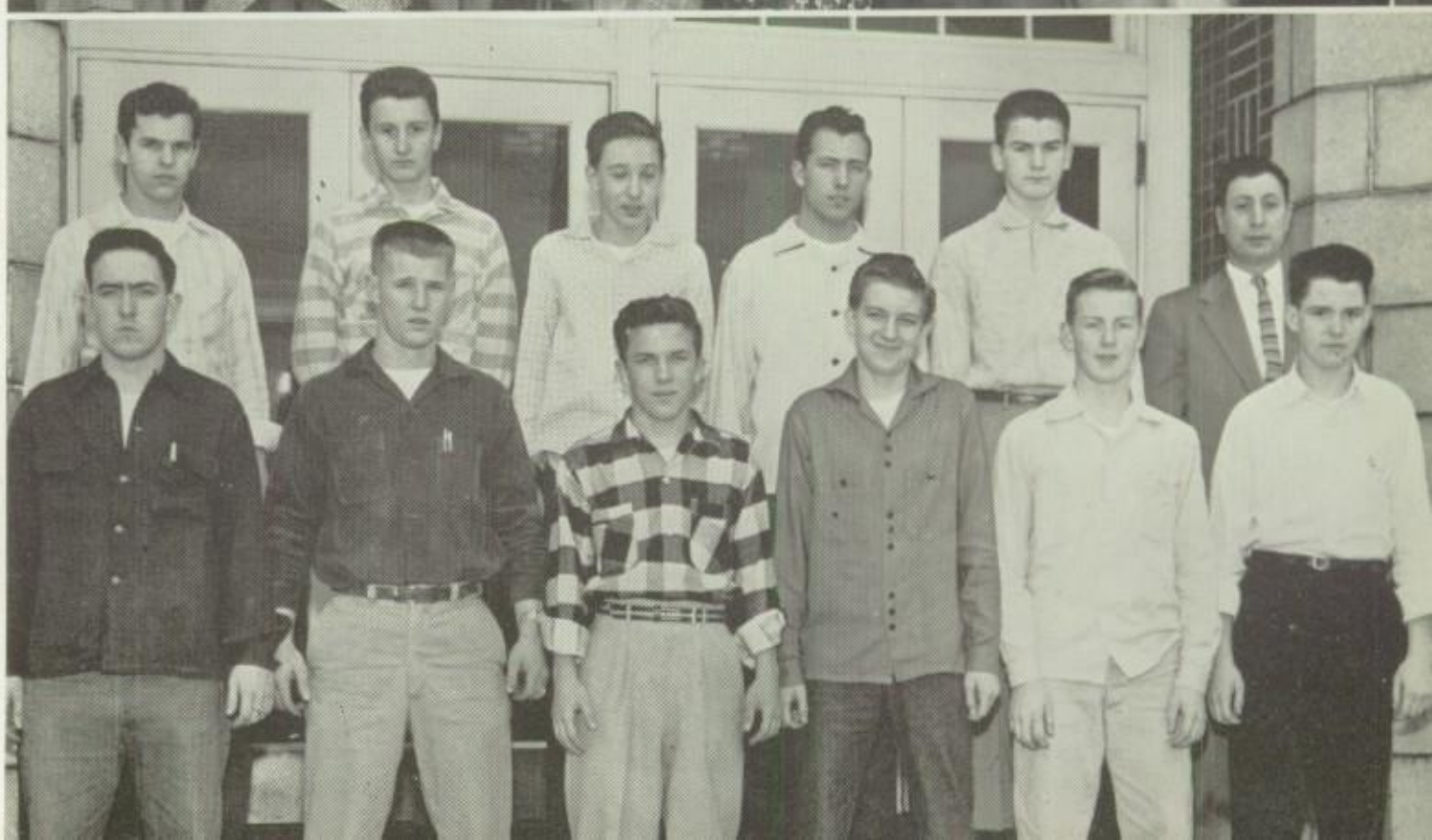
Work together, play together--social events

LIBRARIANS

Row 1—A. Horwat, J. Soufl, L. Mascia, V. Wellek, B. Leary, J. Bowers, E. Brant, P. Catanzarite. **Row 2**—J. Watkins, N. Hoyle, B. Wirdzek, J. Levrio, P. Gerhart, M. Valdeserri, A. Krinock, S. Wirdzek, H. Kovach, G. McCurdy. **Row 3**—M. A. Osinkoski, J. Falenski, T. Misiak, K. Sistek, A. Mazzie, P. Darulla, P. O'Donnell, B. Mickey, Mr. Pilato.

FRENCH CLUB

Row 1—P. Blankbehler, J. Soufl, N. Hoyle, M. Valdeserri, M. Cronin, M. Andrako, B. Kindl, N. Kridler. **Row 2**—S. Baker, A. Burd, F. Baum, K. Bisi, G. Howard, M. A. Marcinik, J. Roman, J. Kepple, F. Gasdek. **Row 3**—E. Angus, G. Bechak, L. Burd, D. Beck, J. Latimer, R. Mumau, R. Radacosky, J. Prohaska, J. Repko. **Row 4**—R. McChesney, R. Fatora, J. Massimino, R. Stump, E. Slezak, J. Yumin, T. Marron, R. Falenski. **Row 5**—Mr. Caputo, H. Switzer, L. Leonard, J. Boyer, G. Kepple, A. Sobota, J. Healey.



PROJECTIONISTS

Row 1—J. Yockey, J. Barclay, W. Pukmel, D. Burik, T. Ashbaugh, J. Depree. **Row 2**—W. Patz, T. Wiatrak, G. Leonard, L. Burd, W. Corey, Mr. Pilato.

Student Council

Initiative, Capability, Determination

The governmental body of our school, the Student Council, has proven to be one of our outstanding organizations again this year. Under the careful guidance of Mr. Struble, the Council has functioned in many important aspects. In the past year they have purchased a camera for the betterment of the school. The president, Tom Pavlik, and vice-president, Ann Schilling, aided the council in deliberating on all problems. Secretaries, Ann Adams and Evelyn Barnhart, represented the school at the Student Council convention earlier in the year. Other senior members include, Eileen Marcinik, Nancy Hoyle, Alice Gelston, Ted Marron, and Joe Roman. The annual semi-formal dance, "Sno-Ball" was sponsored by the Student Council. They also were responsible for the sale of candy at noon, the new milk machine, dances, and the lost and found case. Needless to say, they have functioned properly.

Ann Schilling, Ann Adams, Tom Pavlik, Brenda Kerr, Evelyn Barnhart

STUDENT COUNCIL

Row 1—B. Kerr, A. Schilling, A. Adams, N. Hoyle, A. Antolik, G. Patterson, P. Smith, C. Kelly. **Row 2**—P. Marion, S. Baker, A. Gelston, K. Sistek, J. Sistek, M. Latimer, E. Barnhart, D. Plato, J. Sabo. **Row 3**—T. Pavlik, J. Roman, J. Prohaska, A. Razza, D. Lucas, S. Bise, J. Mania, Mr. Struble.

FORENSIC CLUB

Row 1—D. McCurdy, A. Gelston, C. Kelly, J. Watkins, E. Burd, M. Alfelda, B. McCoy, W. Pukmel. **Row 2**—J. Hudak, A. Burd, K. Bise, J. Duvall, G. Howard, A. Hoefer, B. Nicol, S. Baker, E. Moore, F. Gasdek. **Row 3**—Miss Stathis, R. McChesney, J. Roman, R. Mumau, T. Deglau, Miss Smith.

FORENSIC CLUB

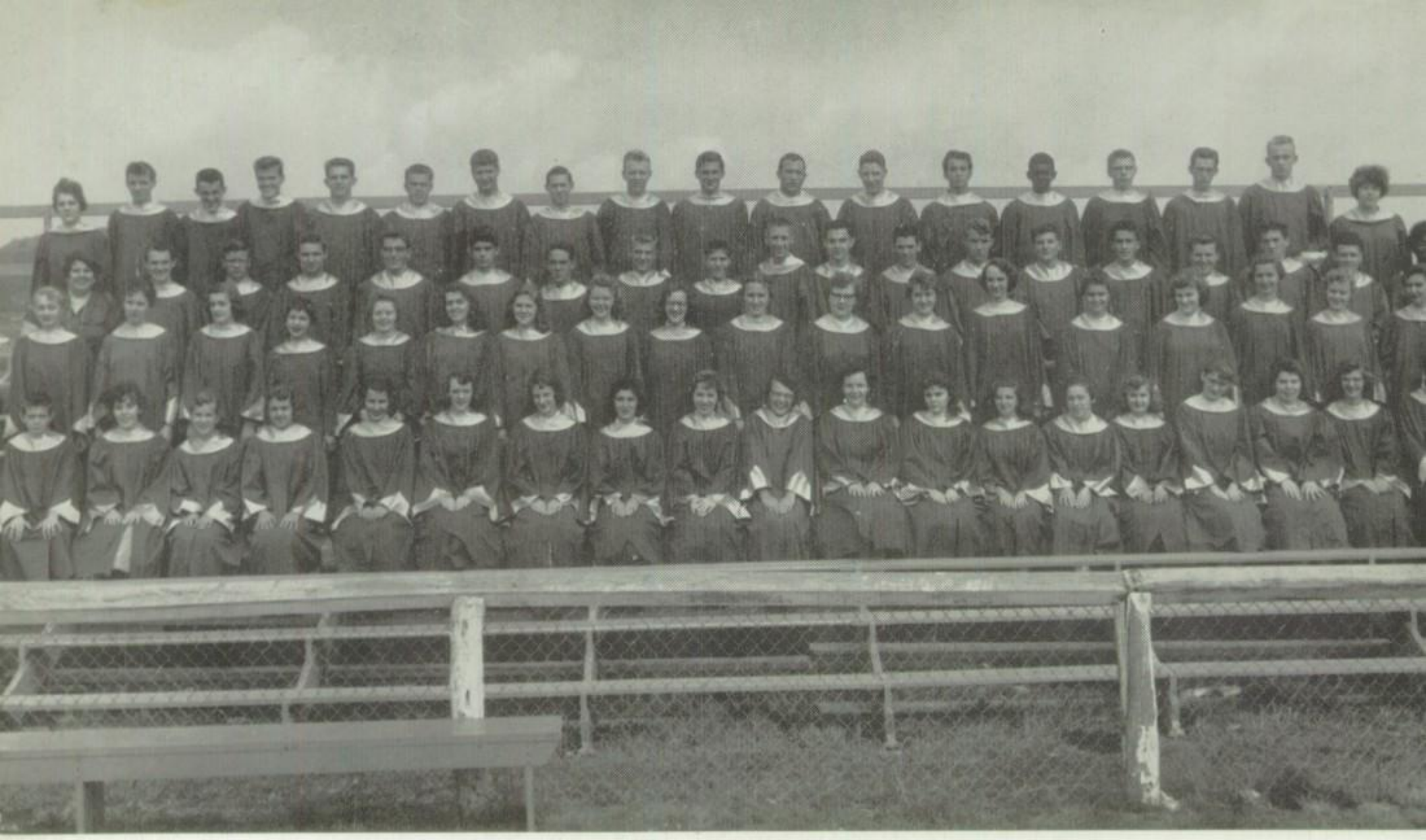
Row 1—J. McCurdy, M. A. Flowers, C. Richards, C. Street, B. Franchock, A. Bollinger, P. Durasky, M. Lloyd. **Row 2**—B. Roble, D. Smith, A. Malone, M. Rush, S. Steeves, A. Wilson, D. Compton, G. Jellison, P. Piantine, R. Pedrazzoli. **Row 3**—B. Kerr, N. Moritz, V. Volpe, J. Gozdick, N. Dellavechio, G. Pynos, E. Watkins, D. Weppleman, S. Krinock, F. Heasley, P. Gerhart. **Row 4**—J. Schilling, P. Naylon, A. McChesney, A. Gray, M. Baumgardner, C. Wilburn, T. Misiak, S. McClelland, H. Batsa, D. Marts, P. Datsko. **Row 5**—L. McClelland, S. Kuba, P. Frenchik, P. Gulas, E. Reeping, J. Yanossy, A. Sobota, R. Nair, R. Daw, G. Bechak.

Forensics

Speak out! Let all the world hear!

Jeanne Duvall, Margie Alfelda, Willie Pukmel, Joe Roman

To Derry's trophy collection the NFL this year contributed a wa!nut plaque proclaiming our chapter the Leading Chapter in Western Pennsylvania for 1955. The honor award was made at a special assembly by the national executive secretary of the National Forensic League. A second program presented to the student body under Forensic club sponsorship was an exhibition debate between Pitt and Princeton. Our chapter also played host for three district speech tournaments, a student congress, and a debate tourney. Among the seniors our inimitable Willy Pukmel continued winning first places in humor; Alice Gelston, Gwen Howard, and Jerry Bechak emoted dramatically—and successfully; and Tony Sobota captained the debaters. Under the direction of Miss Smith, club sponsor and speech coach, and Miss Stathis, debate coach, stars in speaking shone in all four classes. It was a heavenly season!



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Barbara Kindl, James Boyer, Joseph Havrilla, Frances Gasdek join in song.

The sailor dancers, Jane Schilling, Shirley Panizzi, Nancy Moritz, and Nancy Hoyle added color to the operetta.

The singing and speaking voices of Jim Latimer, Gloria Somple, Gwen Howard, and Bob Mumau brought gayety to "Rio Rico."

Chorus

Everyone Likes To Give Out With A Song!

Relax and sing! This could well be the motto of our vocal music students, led by Mrs. Markle. This popular activity has grown in number each year. The reason for this is due to the successful programs performed by the students of vocal music. Music class makes it possible for those participating to have membership in the Music Club. Among the events of the year was the operetta, "Rio Rico," in which Kathi Bise, Roger McChesney, Janet Smith, Barbara Kindl, Willie Pukmel, Gwen Howard, Gloria Somple, Jerry Bechak, Bob Mumau, James Latimer, Harry Switzer, Charles Demangone, John Yockey, Terry Deglau, Dick Gelsdorf, Silvano Perla and William Cowan were featured. To celebrate the Christmas season, this class inspired the student body with songs, dancing, and a candlelight procession. On Wednesday mornings the Chapel Choir provides devotions via the P. A. System, under the direction of Harry Switzer. The social occasion of the year was the trip to Indiana State Teachers College to view their annual "Swing Out."

BAND . . .

Row 1—D. Zirulo, W. Gasdek, J. McCurdy, D. Plato, P. Blankenbehler, G. Smetak, B. Brant, R. Elliott, S. Dascenzo, J. Bundy, R. Gozdik, J. Schilling, M. Flowers, F. Torockio, J. Bonn, J. Hudak, D. Reed, M. Mehalic, J. Gozdik, V. Burnsworth, G. Angus, P. Frenchik, J. Baum. **Row 2**—N. Geracimos, J. Duvall, J. Bergman, A. Burd, M. Alfelda, E. Riffle, E. Nicholson, M. Fabian, F. Gasdek, C. Cobes, B. Squib, J. Kantor, J. Cobes, R. Dunlap, N. Reeping, H. Cummings, G. Petrosky, B. Nichol, D. Calvo. **Row 3**—E. Marcinik, L. Opatka, G. Cummings, J. Yanossy, C. Geary, C. Andre, B. Frenchik, M. Stiffler, E. Smetak, G. Krehlic, J. Rusher, M. Latimer, A. Gray, K. Lindh, M. Zappa, B. Kerr, J. Lechman. **Row 4**—J. Boyer, G. McMahan, A. Geter, R. Lindh, W. Gorr, D. Lucas, J. Latimer, H. Switzer, R. Sobota, C. Demangone, J. Blair, J. Prohaska, C. Smith, R. Winebrenner, D. Ray, S. Perla, M. Sagan, T. DeGlau, P. Angeline, J. Vargo, R. Harvey, V. Elliott.

Mr. Calvo rehearses a new number with the marching band.

Merry Melodies Played

Music fills the air again! No assembly is complete without music by our band. Due to the newly organized Derry Area Joint High School system, the band performed double duties this year—serving both Derry A and Derry B on the gridiron as well as in all student activities. During the fall, it is composed of approximately ninety members, eighteen of which are majorettes. During this time they are very busy participating in parades, and expertly entertaining the fans with their precision drills and fine music at football half-times.

Eighth period band practice keeps our musicians busy.

Jim Prohaska selects the proper hat for his band uniform.

By Masterful Musicians

Throughout the year there have been seventy programs at which music was furnished by this organization. Members attended Westmoreland and Indiana Band Festivals; Carol Andre and Jack Blair attended District Band; Jack Blair continued to State Band held at Meadville. Each spring the John Philip Sousa Band Award is given to the senior who has proven most valuable to the band. Last year the 1955 award was presented to Richard Geary. Our thanks to Mr. Calvo and Mr. Geracimos for a job well done!

The cheerleaders and the band cooperate to present a successful pep meeting.

DRAMATICS

Memorizing, rehearsing, makeup, applause . . .

As we look back on the entertainment phase of our school life, we recollect what Derry's dramatists have presented to the students during the past year.

Who can forget the unequalled performances of Barb Kindl and Jim Prohaska in "Mother Is A Freshman", the junior class play? Bob Vella as Dean Gillingham and Margie Alfelda as Sue Abbott can also be commended for their fine portrayals. The long-to-be-remembered presentation was the result of Miss Stathis' untiring efforts and superb coaching.

The Christmas spirit was manifested in the program presented by Mrs. Markle, Miss Smith, and the music students. The program, entitled "Christmas Party," was an exhibition of satirical skits illustrating Christmas.

RIO RICO, chosen as operetta for 1956, entailed much singing, dancing, and laughter by the school songsters, and starred Harry Switzer, Dolores Gipson, Jerry Bechak, Roger McChesney, and Barb Kindl in the leading roles.

Under the direction of Miss Kasperik, the senior class play was an outstanding success.

Bob Mumau, Kathi Bisi, Gloria Somple and Harry Switzer rehearse their lines.

A show-stopping scene from "Mother Is A Freshman."

Gerri Smetak and Jack Kepple are the stars of a dance number in "Rio Rico."

Barbara Kindl gets a tight squeeze from her four colleagues.

The Western Chorus line from the Christmas musical.

A bit of the 90's as displayed by Janet Wallace, Pat Bradley, Barbara Frenchik and Anita Horwat.

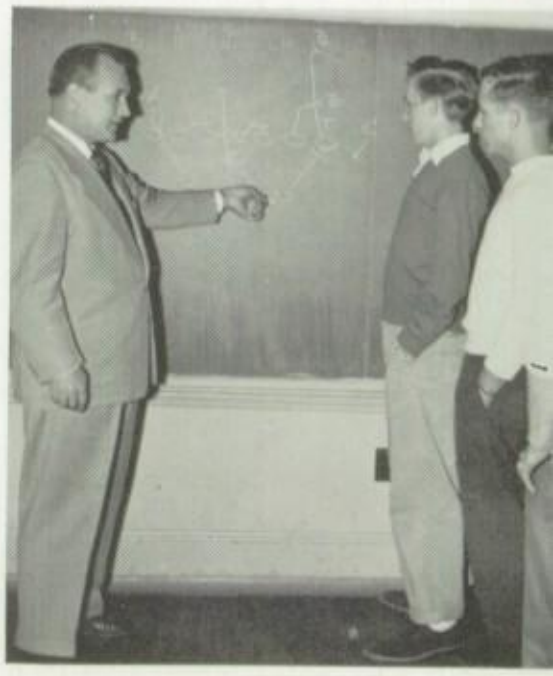
Gwen Howard does a solo in the Christmas play.

Operetta leads, Barbara Kindl and Willie Pukmel, clown in "Rio Rico."

Jim Prohaska, as the handsome professor in the Jr. Class Play, chats with his student.

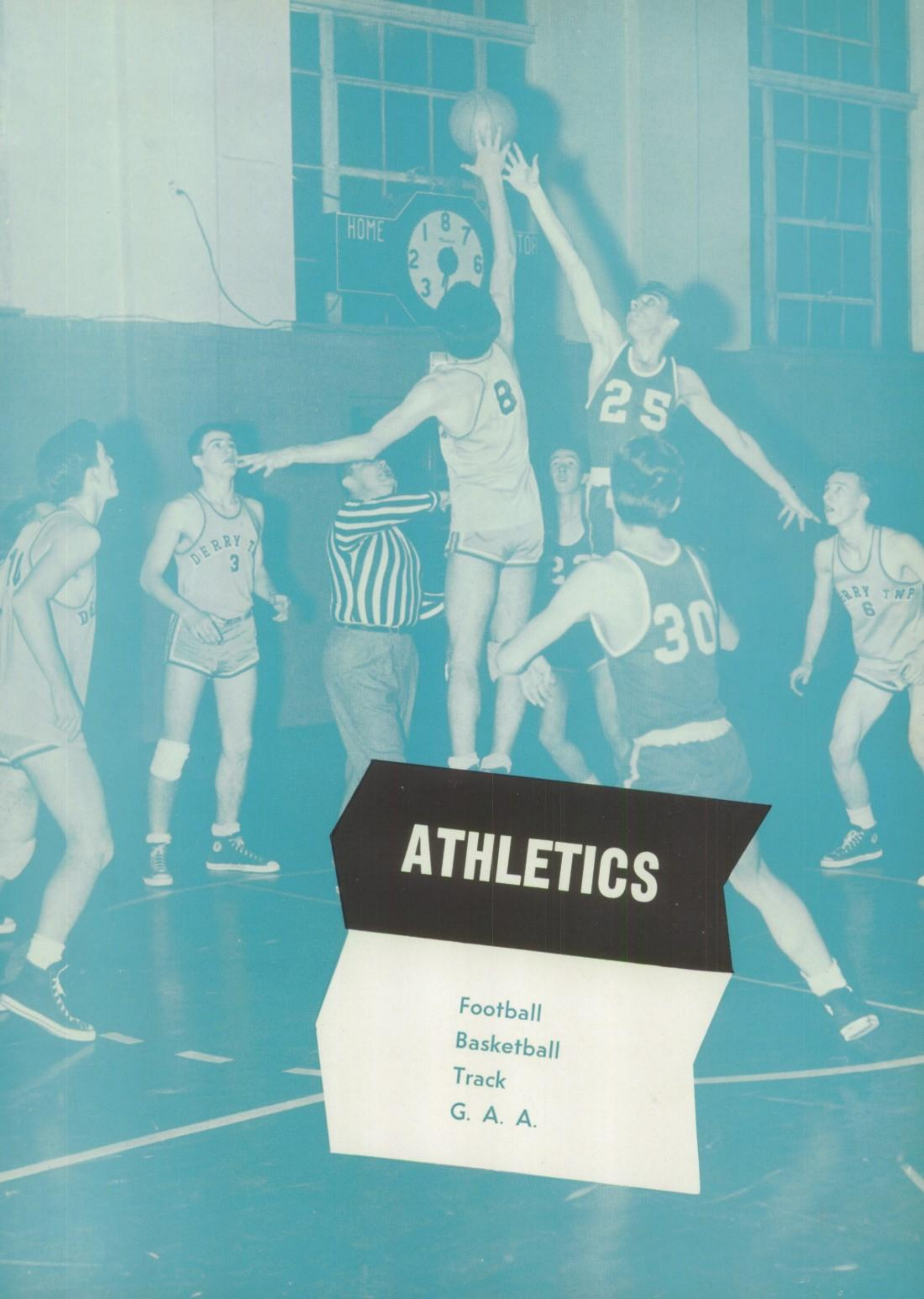
Santa Claus, Stanley Allison, brings joy in the Christmas musical.

Gerry Bechak, Janet Smith and Roger McChesney had stellar roles in "Rio Rico."



A coach's decision, learning a new formation,

and cooperation----all part of Athletics



ATHLETICS

Football
Basketball
Track
G. A. A.

FOOTBALL

Mr. Pilato, Mr. Conti, and Mr. Weber view their boys in action.

The Golden Eagles got off to a good start as they edged a rugged Bellmar eleven, 13-6, at their home field. The Contimen passed their first Class A test and showed a lot of promise. Their experience and determination paid off.

The following week, Derry "A" invaded the Latrobe Wildcats in the big "rival" game. The Eagles were really up for this one and for the third straight year, they came home victorious by a score of 19-0.

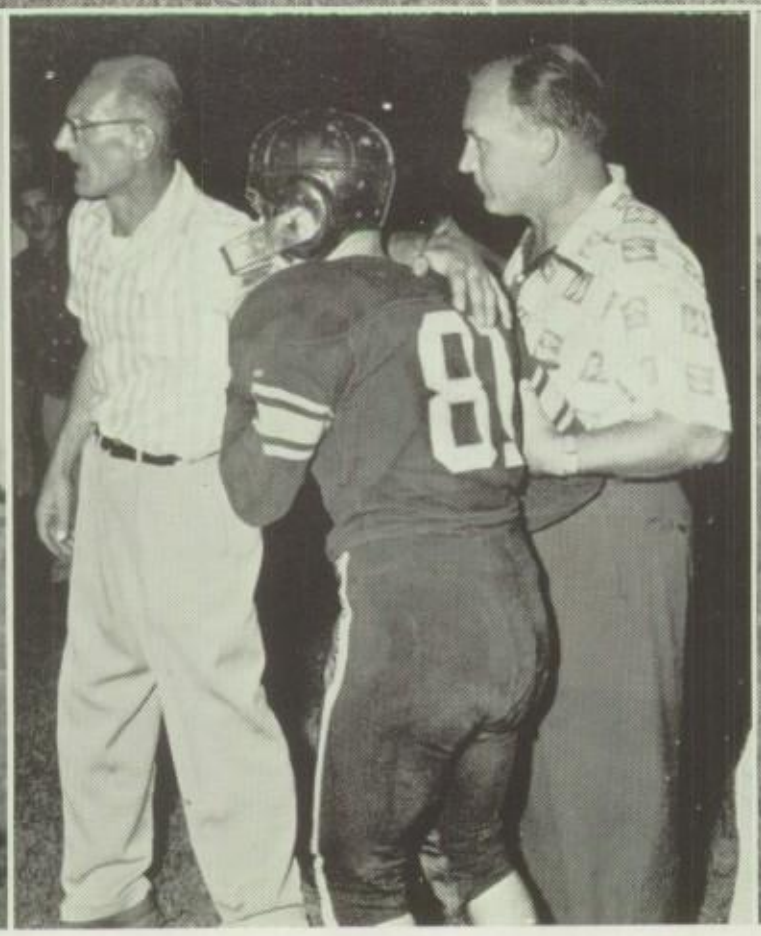
The Eagles next traveled to St. Vincent Prep. The Derry eleven were at their best and came through with an easy 40-12 win.

The Eagle gridders next encountered the Blairsville Bobcats at the Blairsville Stadium. The Contimen fell behind early in the game, but came back strong to grind out a 14-6 win over a very good Blairsville team.

The high-riding Golden Eagles, now owning a 4 and 0 record, traveled to Vandergrift.

Row 1—W. Pukmel, B. Kubistek, P. Gozdik, C. Kindl, R. Sabota, J. Butalla. **Row 2**—J. Massimino, J. Leary, J. Havrilla, J. Bravis, E. Kozar, W. Sabota, K. Starry, J. Taylor, S. Bisi, J. Repko, L. Ankney, J. Barclay, J. Rajacik, J. Yockey, J. Horrell, W. Mikolay. **Row 3**—J. Smith, G. Petrosky, W. Muir, W. Flickinger, D. Mickey, J. Healy, R. Diven, C. Williams, W. Patz, A. Taylor, A. Harris, J. Polumbo, H. McClelland, E. Antolik, J. Lechman, F. Waldron. **Row 4**—A. Piantine, J. Resides, R. Nair, D. Krinock, H. Wyke, L. Wilson, M. Goodlin, N. Moore, L. Burd, T. Pavlik, T. Barberich, D. Henigin, J. Gelsdorf, P. Lepley, W. Corey, J. Mehalic.

Teamwork, thrills, and touchdowns on our gridiron



Lawrence Burd

Official time out while Gelsdorf changes glasses.

Philip Lepley

Coaches Conti and Weber send in a replacement.

Bill Mikolay

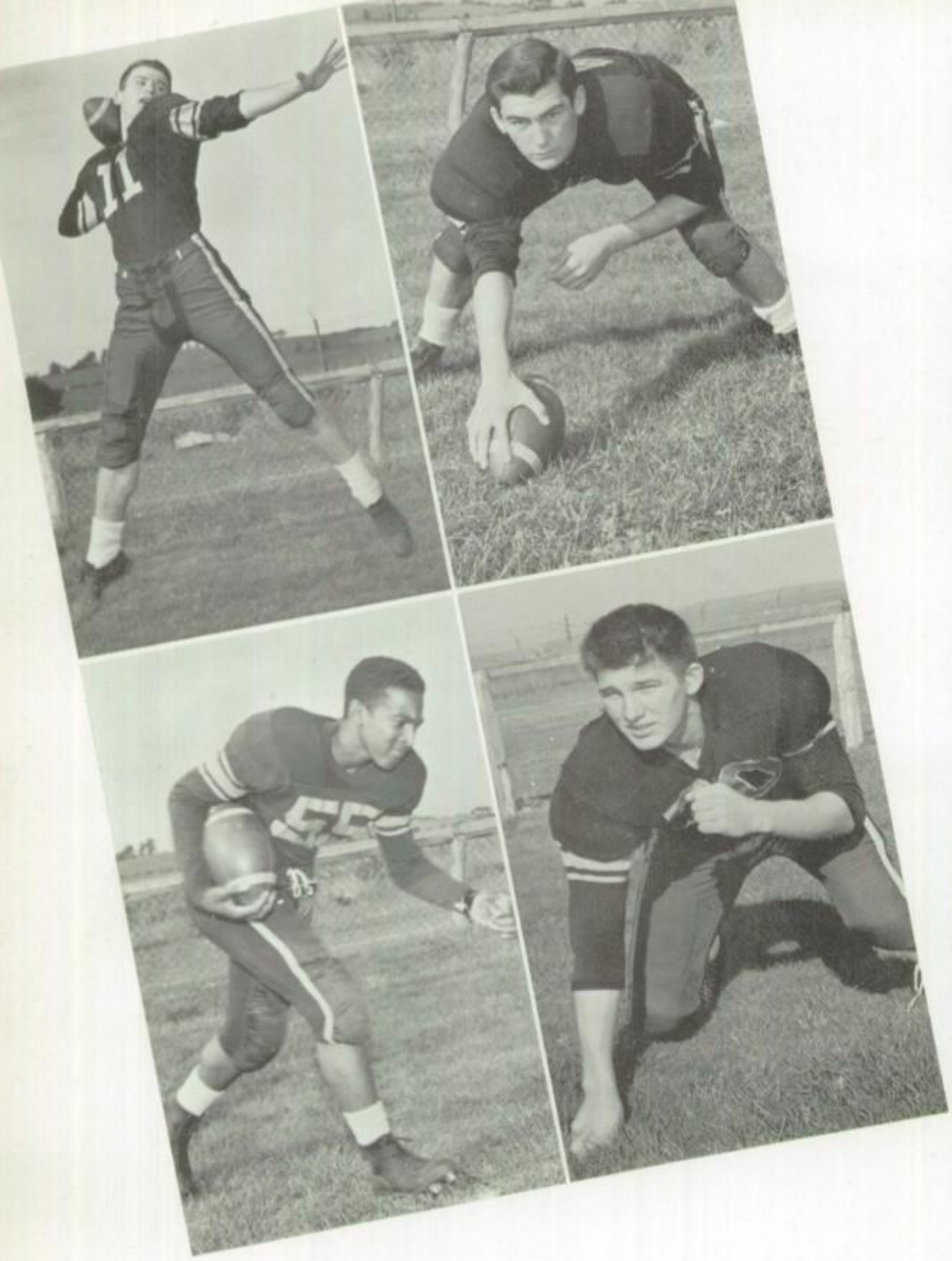
SEASON'S RESULTS

*Derry A	13	Bellmar	6	*Derry A	13	Mt. Pleasant	24
Derry A	19	Latrobe	0	*Derry A	7	Hurst	20
Derry A	40	St. Vincent Prep	12	*Derry A	44	Georges Twp.	7
*Derry A	14	Blairsville	6	*Derry A	19	Scott Twp. (Clark)	35
Derry A	0	Vandergrift	7	*Derry A	13	Braddock	26

*League games

OUR GRIDMEN . .

Power and perfection on our gridiron



Walter Corey

John Taylor

Joe Smith

Tom Barberich

On a completely muddy field and with rain pouring down throughout the game, the Eagles lost their first contest of the season to the Vandy eleven, by a score of 7-0.

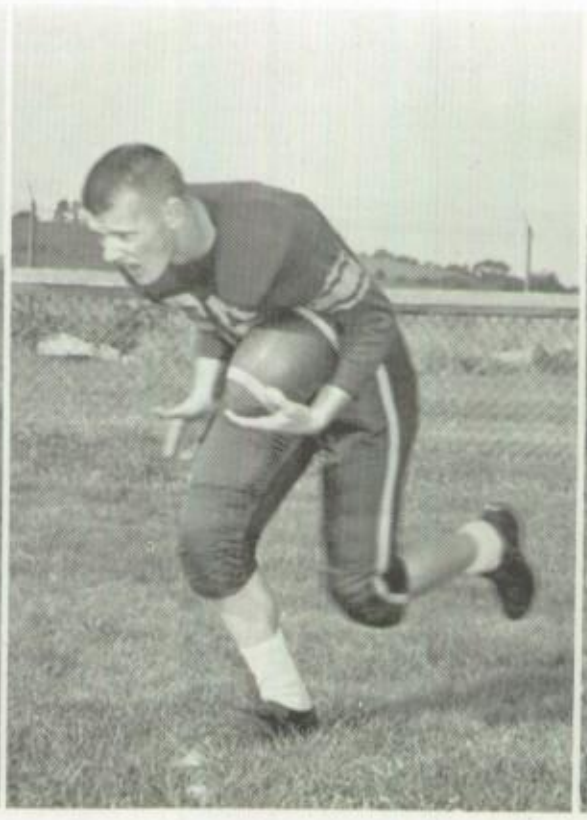
Again the Eagles were on the road and again they played on a mud-soaked field. The Conti eleven just didn't have it that night and they bowed to Mount Pleasant Ramsey by 24-13. This second defeat eliminated them from WPIAL Class A contention.

Derry "A" next played host to Hurst High School and for the third consecutive week the Eagles were defeated by a surprising Hurricane eleven, 20-7.

Again the Eagles were at home on "ex-gridders night" and they put on quite a show for the old timers, overpowering Georges Township in an easy 44-7 win.

Ed Kozar

Jay Leary



John Barclay

Ed Antolik

Willie Pukmel, James Butalla, Charles Kindl, Bernard Kubistek, Pete Gasdek, Richard Sobota

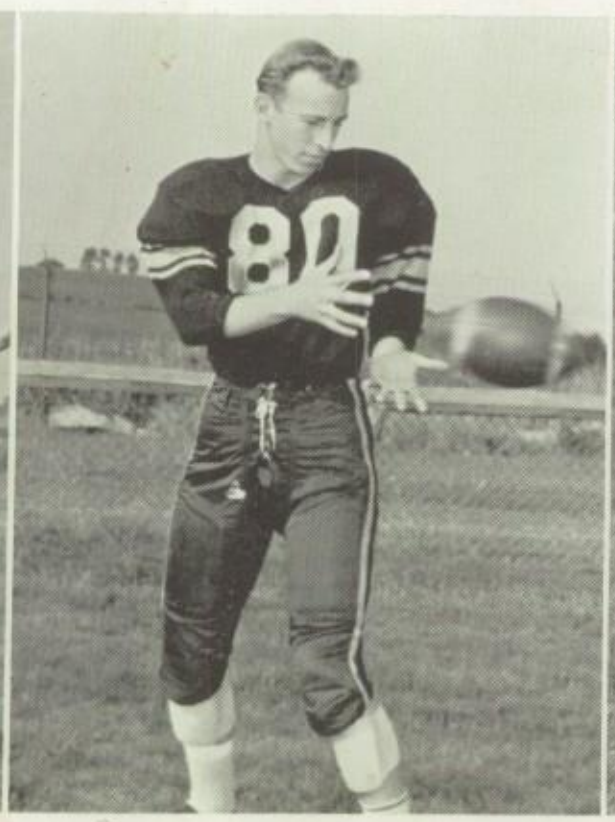
FOOTBALL

Next the team traveled to meet Scott Township. The Eagles were outclassed and outplayed by the Clark High gridders and came out on the short end of a 35-19 score.

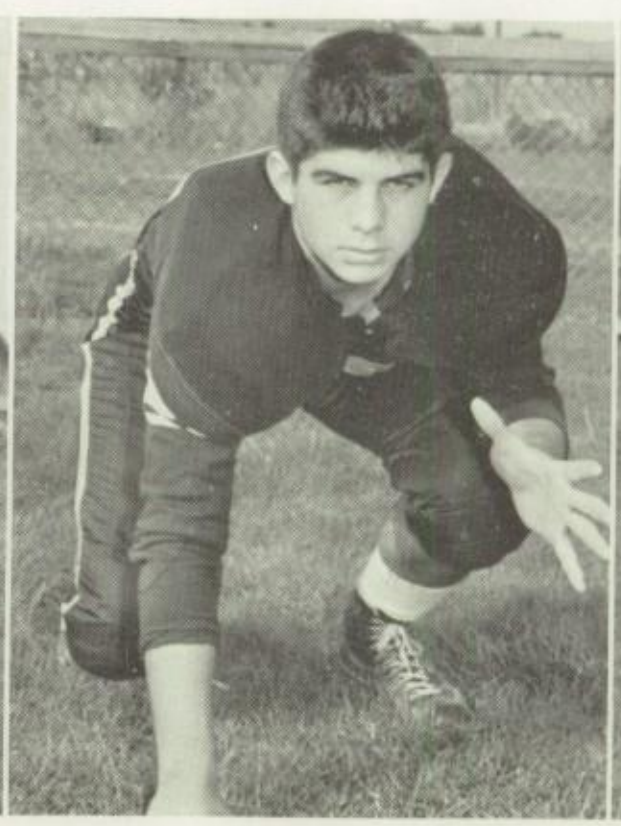
For the last game of the season, the Eagles traveled to meet an undefeated Braddock team, who were gunning for the Class "A" title. Only Derry "A" stood in their path. The Eagles fought hard, but a strong second half won out for Braddock by a 26-13 margin.

The 1955 Derry "A" Golden Eagles, spurred on by spirit and determination of the boys, and the confidence and patience of the coaches, finished the season with a split—five victories, and five defeats.

John Gelsdorf



Tom Pavlik



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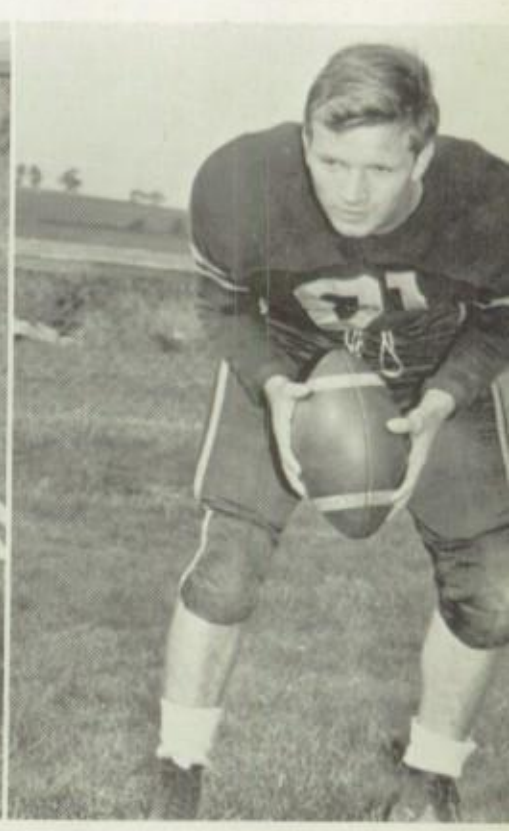


Kenneth Starry

Mr. Fiorina, Mr. Festa, Mr. Cignetto.

The 1956 W. P. I. A. L. Section X Champions

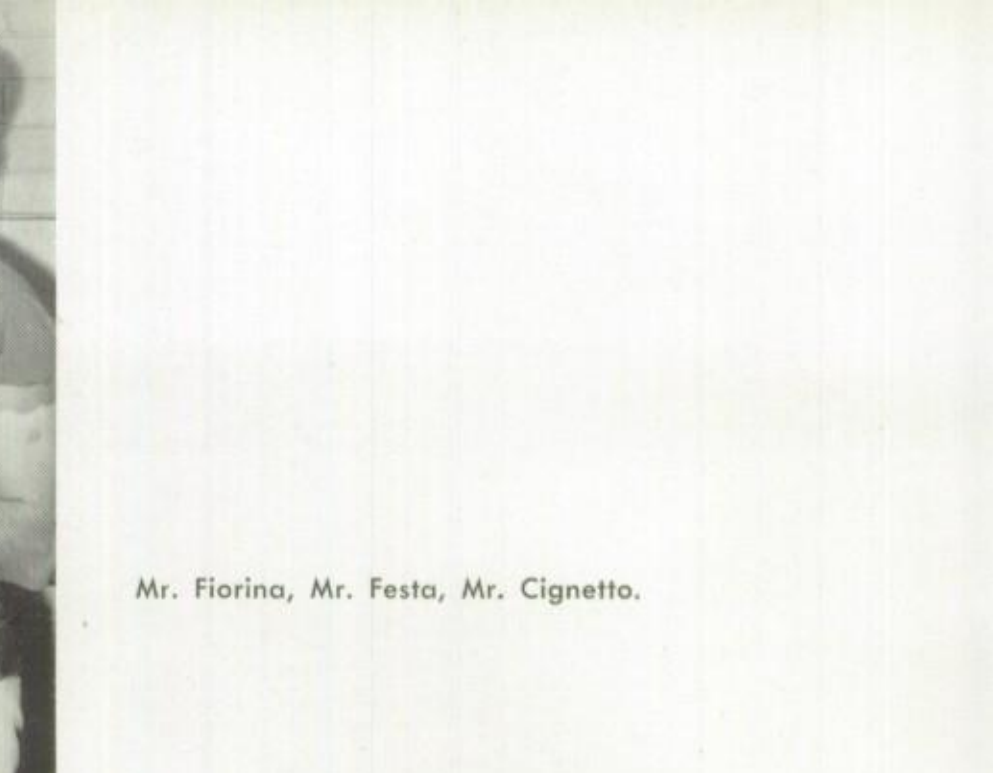
The Derry "A" Golden Eagles began the 1955-56 basketball season as an average team, but as the season progressed, the Eagles exceeded their expectations. The Derry "A" cagers started off by copping 6 of the 9 exhibition tilts, defeating Laura Lamar twice, St. Vincent Prep, I. C. Connellsville, Blairsville, and the alumni. The Eagles, members of Section 10A of the WPIAL, got better as they went along.

Having an exceptionally small squad, Coach Lou Festa was amazed by the play of his team. The Eagles won their first 10 Section games, and went on to capture the Section title, winning 11 and losing only 1, that to Ramsay.

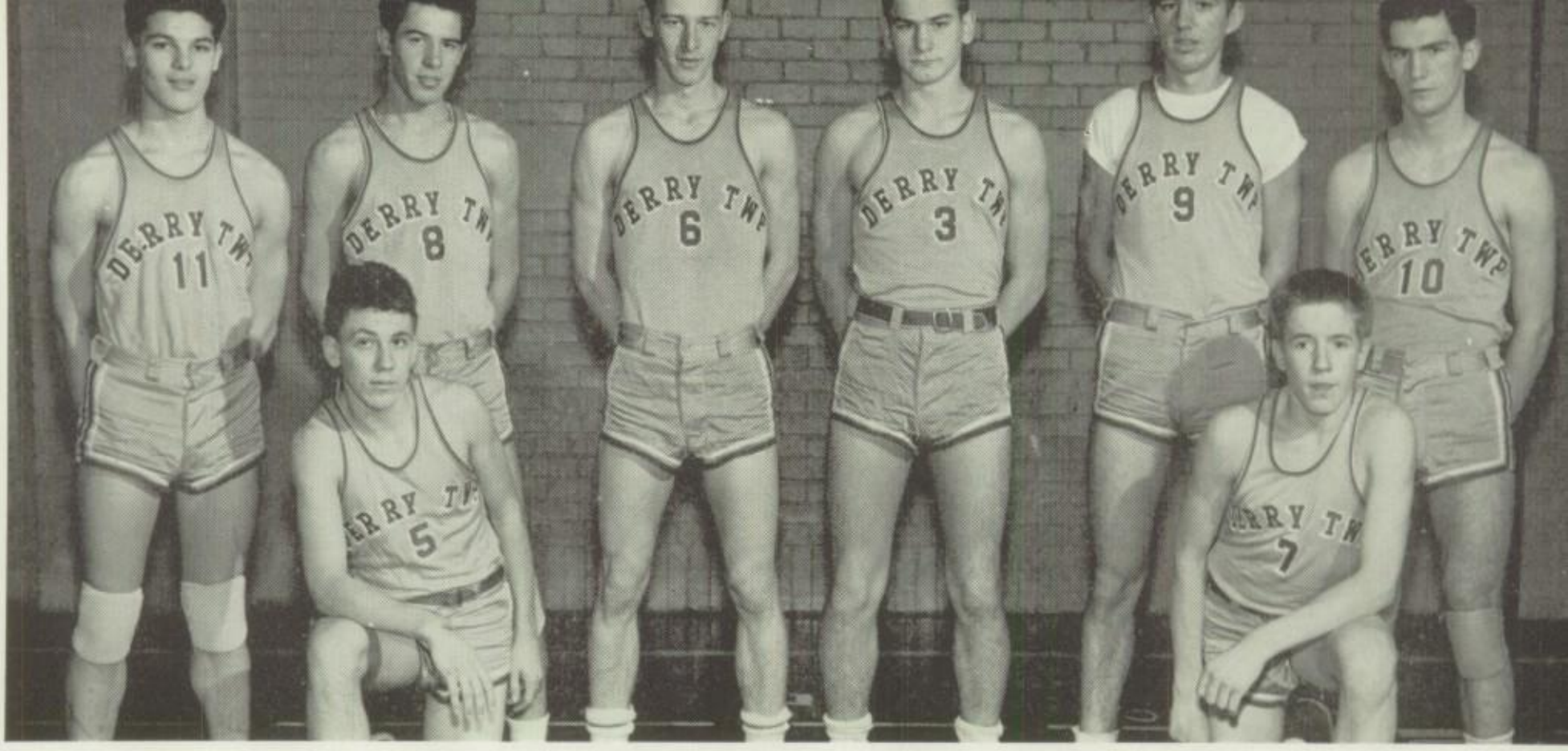
In winning the title, the Festa five defeated Ramsay, and Hurst, Scottdale, Dunbar, Ligonier, and Rostraver each twice. This was the first Section title for the Golden Eagles in Class A competition. The high flying Derry "A" quintet moved on to the Pitt Field House to compete for WPIAL honors, but the Eagles were completely outclassed and bewildered by a stronger and much taller Farrell five, 88-44.

The members of this year's squad claimed by graduation are regulars, Joe Smith, Tom Pavlik, Walter Corey, Gene Cech, Wilbur Watkins, and subs, Pete Angeline and Charles Kessler. The only returning regular is Dick Falenski.

An attentive crowd watches our varsity five.



Walter Corey jumps high for the rebound.



Kneeling: W. Watkins, R. Falenski.
Standing: P. Angeline, G. Cech, T. Pavlik, W. Corey, C. Kessler, J. Smith.

Walt Corey looks for a teammate to receive the ball.

The action begins between Hurst and our varsity five.

Gene Cech gets ready to shoot during the Hurst game.

Dribbling comes to a stop as a field goal is attempted.

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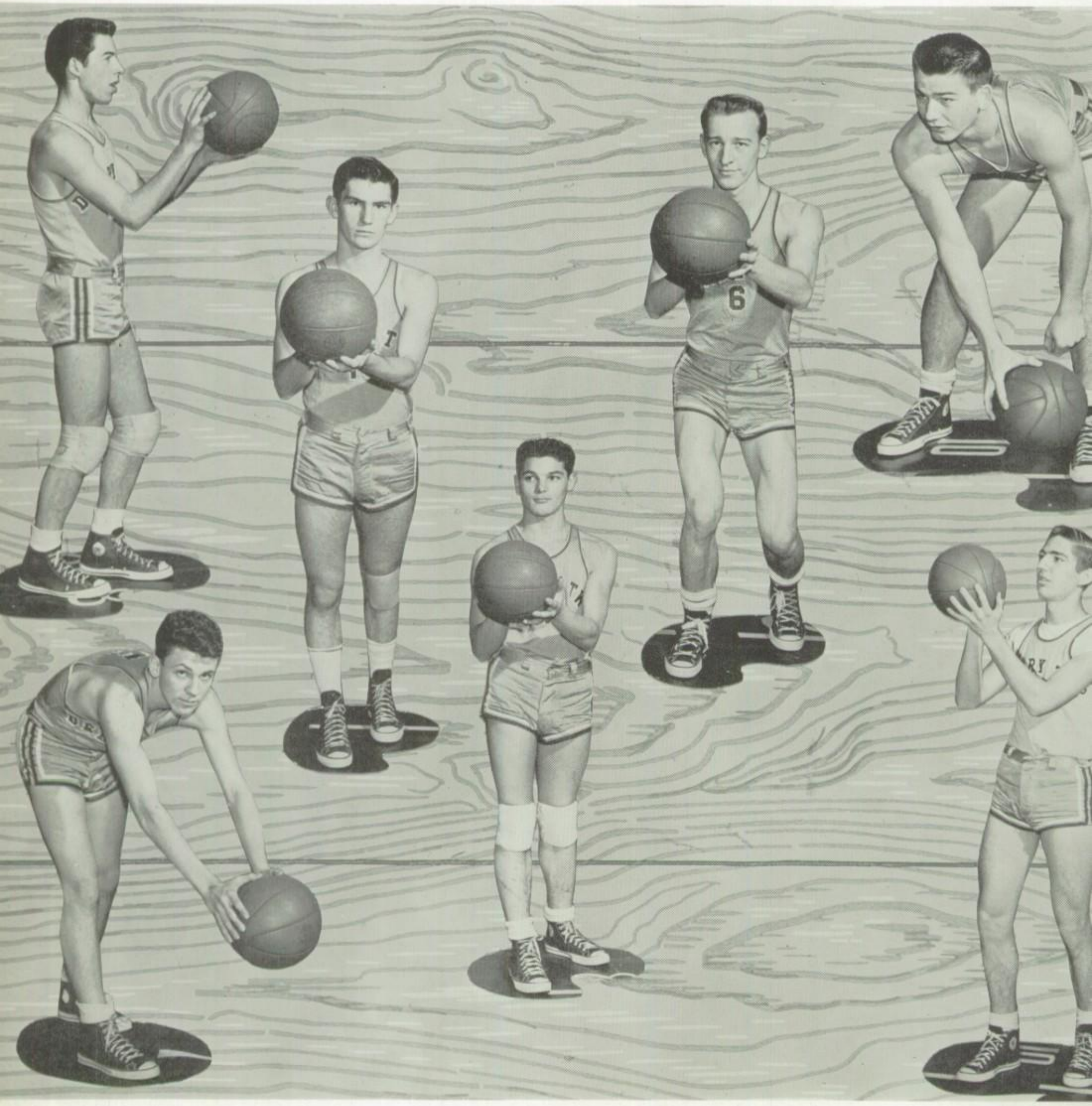
Victorious after an uphill struggle



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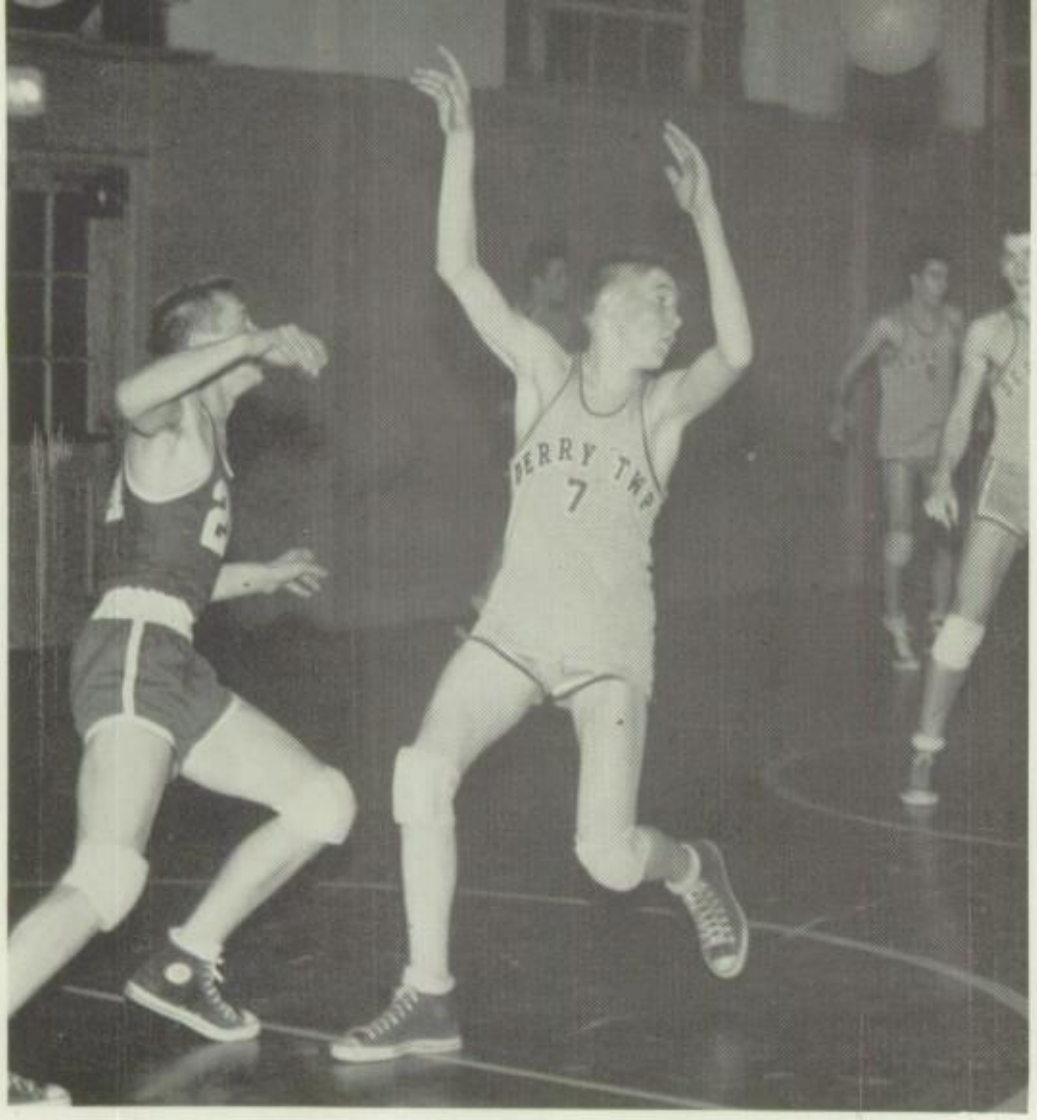


Dick Falenski uses the arms to guard his opponent.

An outstanding record

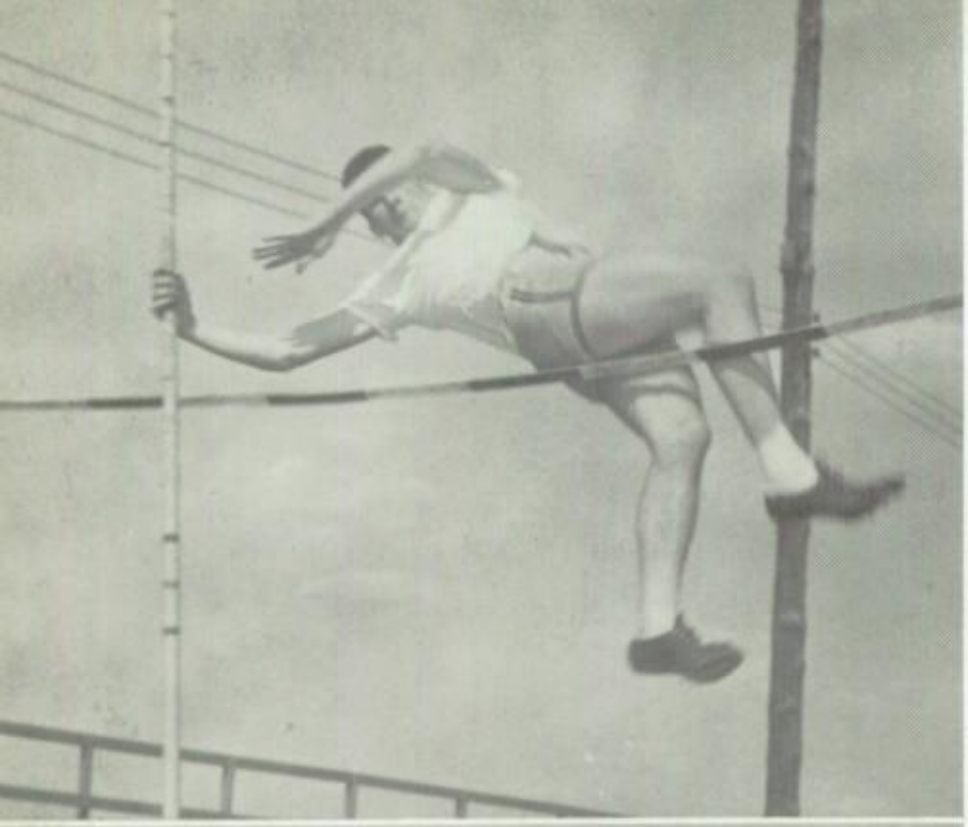
of 18 wins; 6 losses

SEASON'S RESULTS

Derry "A"	74	Laura Lamar	39
Derry "A"	53	St. Vincent Prep	56
Derry "A"	96	I. C. Connellsville	50
Derry "A"	66	Laura Lamar	46
Derry "A"	65	I. C. Connellsville	66
*Derry "A"	59	Scottdale	57
Derry "A"	48	Blairsville	55
*Derry "A"	83	Dunbar	32
*Derry "A"	55	Hurst	44
*Derry "A"	67	Ligonier	64
*Derry "A"	72	Ramsay	68
*Derry "A"	72	Rostraver	67
Derry "A"	75	Alumni	68
*Derry "A"	66	Scottdale	59
Derry "A"	71	Blairsville	67
*Derry "A"	103	Dunbar	76
*Derry "A"	71	Hurst	70
*Derry "A"	76	Ligonier	60
*Derry "A"	58	Ramsay	59
*Derry "A"	66	Rostraver	59
Derry "A"	58	St. Vincent Prep	50
†Derry "A"	44	Farrell	88
‡Derry "A"	47	St. Vincent Prep	45
‡Derry "A"	45	Hurst	46

*League Game
†WPIAL Tournament Game
‡County Tournament Game

Row 1—J. Lechman, P. Gasdek, J. Repko, S. Bisi, N. Krinock. **Row 2**—K. Tua, R. Nair, T. Wiatrak, D. Burik, R. Diven, A. Geter, A. Razza.



Pole-vaulting Joe Smith clears the 10-foot mark.

Speedy John Gelsdorf takes the hurdles in stride.

TRACK

Dutiful training for healthier minds and bodies

In the spring, the track men, clad in gray sweatshirts took over the first place position in athletics at Derry A. The boys, under the capable direction of head coach, Mr. Conti, and his assistant, Mr. Baran, spent the first few weeks rounding the track and getting ready for a rough nine-week schedule which included such stiff competition as Indiana, Greensburg, the W.P.I.A.L. Relay, Pitt junior, and the Westmoreland County meets.

With standouts Al Taylor and Phil Lepley as a nucleus for the mile relay, Joe Yuman, a swift dash man, and John Gelsdorf, hurdler par excellence, the cinder situation was well in hand. The field corps bolstered by pole vaulter Joe Smith, and javelin throwers Walt Corey and Larry Burd cast a glow on the scene. These boys plus a promising crop of underclassmen gave their all to gather points and personal honors for the season.

Row 1—W. Corey, J. Smith, R. Nair, J. Resides, J. Gelsdorf, P. Lepley. **Row 2**—D. Ray, R. Shaeffer, L. Burd, K. Starry, R. Mumau, J. Yumin, A. Taylor. **Row 3**—W. Muir, J. Bechak, T. Marron, R. McChesney, W. Pukmel.

G. A. A.

Row 1—P. Blankenbeuler, J. Horner, E. Brant, V. Stickle, V. Wellik, B. Leary, J. Falat, L. Baran. **Row 2**—V. Hill, M. Flowers, L. Mascia, J. Koway, J. Gozdick, N. Hoyle, C. Frichtel, N. Moritz, S. Terlecki, J. Bowers, J. Levrio. **Row 3**—J. Hunter, J. Watkins, M. Terlecki, D. Williams, S. Leary, J. McKee, E. Krinock, M. Mehalic, G. Somple. **Row 4**—L. Smetak, J. Andrako, M. Latimer, E. Moore, M. Clawson, S. Miller, G. Gennaro, P. Duralla, Mrs. Carbonara. **Row 5**—S. Panizzi, J. Trenny, J. Massimino, M. Sopko, B. McKoy, J. Stevenson. **Row 6**—P. Smetak, A. Gray, C. Kelly, S. Plummer, M. Henry, G. Malarick, M. Valdiserri, L. Opatka, M. Marcinik.

G. A. A.

Row 1—S. Stoner, S. Margey, R. Petracca, K. Schrum, L. Himler, S. Mrozinski, J. Cantor, P. Gerhart. **Row 2**—H. Kovac, S. Scander, E. Watkins, S. Bosco, F. Heasley, L. McClelland, A. Mikolay, F. Frenchik, M. Novello, E. Sulkosky. **Row 3**—J. Hall, M. Kondrich, N. Krinock, B. Carpenter, J. Duvall, B. Kerr, R. Smetak, K. Deglau, J. King. **Row 4**—E. Riffle, J. Bergman, B. Frenchik, M. Baumgardner, B. Fabian, A. Adams, J. Smith, J. Lechman. **Row 5**—G. Howard, J. Baum, A. Byrd, C. Williams, S. Baker, E. Reptoy. **Row 6**—B. Reider, C. Markiewicz, B. Zidak, C. Geary. **Row 7**—F. Cohen, M. Zidak, E. Filicko, F. Gasdek, K. Bisi, D. Barr, J. Rugh, B. Nickels, J. Falenski.

G. A. A.

Girls athletics for health and happiness

Achieving health and happiness through physical well being is the aim of the Girls' Athletic Association. They are kept active by the endless vitality of their sponsor, Mrs. Carbonara.

This year's activities began with the annual initiation of new members. The club members are girls of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes.

The girls participate in basketball, volleyball, soccer, and softball tournaments, along with the annual swimming party.

A sock hop, skating party, and square dance helped to raise funds, which were used to improve the girls' locker room. The club brought the term to an end with its annual picnic at Keystone Park.

Carolyn Markiewicz, Nancy Hoyle, Margaret Ament

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